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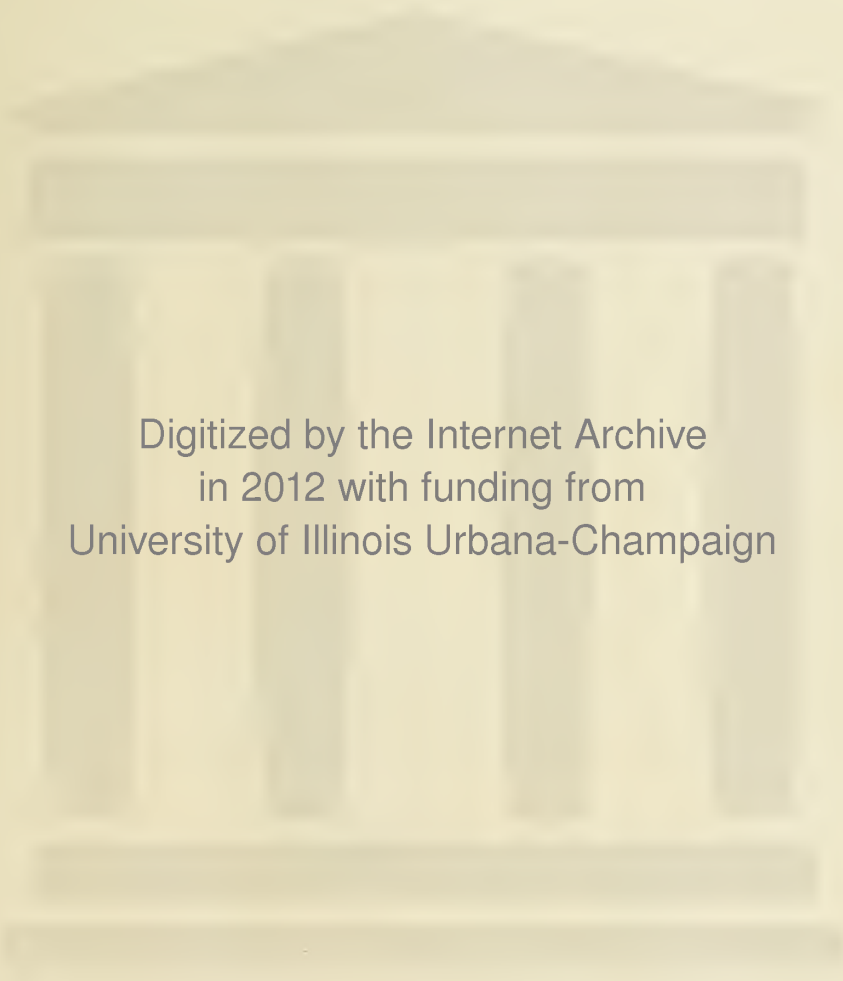
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HENRY HORNER

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Henry Horner, who is now serving his first term as governor of the state of Illinois, holds the distinction of being the third democratic governor of the state in the last forty years, his two predecessors having been Altgeld and Dunne. During the period in which he has held this high administrative office, he has demonstrated rare executive ability in affairs of state and in the conduct of those numerous and responsible duties which are assigned to him.

Henry Horner was born in Chicago, Illinois, on the 30th of November, 1878, and is a son of Solomon A. and Dilah (Horner) Horner. His earliest education was obtained in the public schools of his native city, after which he studied at the Chicago Manual Training School and the South Side Academy. He entered the Chicago Kent College of Law and received his Bachelor of Arts degree therefrom in 1898. He was admitted to the bar in 1899. Governor Horner also holds the Doctor of Laws degree from both the Lincoln Memorial University of Tennessee and Knox College of Galesburg, Illinois.

In 1899, Governor Horner established himself in practice in Chicago, in partnership with Frank A. Whitney, whose father, Henry C. Whitney, was a law partner of Abraham Lincoln. The reputation of the state's present governor as a young lawyer quickly grew and his ability in litigation became widely recognized. He became vitally interested in civic affairs, and studied thoroughly the problems which entered into the social and civic life of the city. Naturally he became a figure before the public, and in 1911 he was made a member of the Chicago Charter Convention. In 1914, he was nominated by the democratic party of Cook county for probate judge and was elected. For five terms thereafter, each of four years, he was reelected, each time with increasing majority, which is indicative of the character of his regime. Many innovations in court procedure were made by him during his tenure of office, many of his ideas now being put into effect in probate courts of other states. Among these may be mentioned the Horner Plan, which provides for care of all war veterans' estates entirely without legal costs, expenses or attorney's fees to the beneficiaries. Labor troubles and other conflicts provided other fields in which he could manifest his ability as an arbitrator, and he was a leading factor in the work of many commissions which had to do with social and public welfare problems. Naturally, these activities of Judge Horner led to bigger opportunities. His worth became known all over the state and as early as 1931 the movement to place him in the governor's chair started. By an overwhelming vote in the April primaries of 1932, he won the democratic nomination, and on November 8th following he was elected by a landslide vote.

Governor Horner is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He belongs to the Chicago Historical Society, the Chicago Art Institute, the Association of Commerce, the Lincoln Centennial Association, the Masonic Order, and the Law, City, Chicago Literary, Mid-Day, Standard, Iroquois, Covenant, Collegiate, Illinois Athletic, Lake Shore Country, and Chicago Riding clubs. Mention has been made in a preceding paragraph that Governor Horner's first law partner

was the son of a former partner of Abraham Lincoln, who became an authority on Lincoln's life and career. Governor Horner became intensely interested in the life of the Great Emancipator and during the intervening years has collected Lincolniana, his possessions now ranking among the best in the country.

PATRICK A. NASH

As chairman of the Cook County Democratic Central Committee and as a member of the National Democratic Committee, Patrick A. Nash, well-known construction contractor of Chicago, Illinois, holds an eminent position in the party in Illinois, and is known as one of the most able, sincere and energetic adherents of the party in this state.

Patrick A. Nash is a native of Chicago, his birth having occurred there on the 2d of March, 1863. He is a son of Thomas and Mary (Hallinan) Nash, who came to Chicago in the year 1852. Thomas Nash was a pioneer in contracting work in this city, and was an honored citizen and member of the democratic party. Both he and his wife passed away in Chicago.

In the Chicago public schools, Patrick A. Nash received his education and when a young man became associated in the contracting business with his father. Likewise, his brothers, Richard J. and John R., became affiliated with their father, all of them having received their training in the business from their worthy sire. The firm is now known as Nash Brothers, and is one of the leading concerns of its type in the state. A general contracting business is conducted, for tunnels, subways, foundations, conduit, sewer, and water systems, and many other kinds of construction work. Much municipal construction has been done by the firm.

For many years, Patrick A. Nash has been a worker for the democratic party. His allegiance has never been questioned and he has utilized every honorable means within his power to enhance the success of democracy in his home city, county and state. In 1916, he took the office of county assessor, in which he served for sixteen months. He was then elected in 1918 to the Cook County Board of Review, and there he remained for six years. His present position as chairman of the Cook County Democratic Central Committee was assumed in 1932, and his membership on the national committee was taken to succeed the late Anton J. Cermak in 1933.

Patrick A. Nash was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Kelley, who was born and reared in Chicago. To their union there have been born the following children: Mary M.; Thomas, who is a graduate of Notre Dame University and now associated with the firm of Nash Brothers; John R., also a Notre Dame graduate and with the firm; and Helen, who died at the age of ten years.

Mr. Nash is a member of the Western Society of Engineers, the Chicago Athletic Club, and the Crystal Lake Country Club.

THOMAS J. COURTNEY

By sheer force of his ability as a lawyer and as a state senator, Thomas J. Courtney, now state's attorney in Chicago, Illinois, has achieved high rank in democratic circles, and his record as a champion of the rights of Chicago and Cook county in legislative halls is one of which he may be justifiably proud. Aggressiveness and natural leadership have characterized his career, all with a background of real sincerity.

Thomas J. Courtney is a native of Chicago, his birth having occurred on December 23, 1894. Securing an education was not an easy task during his youthful years. He worked his way through the Visitation grammar school and St. Rita's high school, then took up the study of law in the evening classes of the Chicago Kent College of Law. His legal career was interrupted in 1917 by his enlistment in the military service of his country. After his return to civil life and his profession, recognition was quickly accorded to him. For

a number of years, he was chief clerk and sergeant-at-arms of the city council of Chicago, and in these capacities he acquired a thorough and valuable knowledge of civic affairs. Eventually he resigned from his position with the council, and for a period engaged in the private practice of law, with ever increasing reputation and prestige.

In 1926, Mr. Courtney was elected to the state senate from the Eleventh (Englewood) district, and in this legislative body he quickly assumed a place of leadership. In fact, he became democratic leader of the senate, and was appointed to the important committee of Criminal Procedure and the Judiciary Advisory Council. In this Fifty-fifth session, he was also a member of the following committees: agriculture, livestock and dairying, canals, waterways, civil service, public utilities, license and miscellany, highway transportation, insurance, railroads, reapportionment, Congressional, and senatorial. It is interesting to note at this point, that he was elected to the senate in 1926 by the small majority of four thousand votes, but on the strength of his record in this succeeding session he was reelected in 1928 by the large majority of twenty-three thousand votes.

It is a matter of accredited history that many of the advancements in criminal justice in Illinois which have been made during recent years have been made by those legislative bodies in which Senator Courtney served. He fought hard against any legislation which he considered detrimental to the public welfare. Among the bills which he opposed vigorously were those providing for the first gasoline tax and the traction legislation of 1927. In his fight against these bills he was victorious. Particularly did Senator Courtney use his efforts for the benefit of Chicago and Cook county, and among his accomplishments along this line was his struggle for reapportionment of the state to insure equal representation for Chicago and Cook county.

In 1928, Senator Courtney was the democratic candidate for the office of attorney general of Illinois, and now, in his responsible position as state's attorney in Cook county, he has manifested extraordinary understanding of criminal procedure and is conducting his duties along the same capable and thorough channels as he used in his legislative incumbency. He now serves as judge advocate of the James C. Russell-Blackhawk Post of the American Legion, and holds an abiding interest in the welfare of the veterans and of legislation to benefit them.

Thomas J. Courtney is married and has a daughter, Rita. The family residence is situated at 9958 Green street.

BRUCE ALEXANDER CAMPBELL

Bruce Alexander Campbell, of East St. Louis, Illinois, and who became chairman of the Illinois Democratic Central Committee in 1934, has been actively and prominently identified with democratic politics for many years, and today is one of the most influential and capable men in the ranks of the party in this state.

Bruce A. Campbell was born in Albion, Edwards county, Illinois, October 28, 1879, and is a son of Judge Joseph N. and Amabel (Thompson) Campbell. Mr. Campbell's great-grandfather came to Wayne county before Illinois had been created as a state and when Wayne county was a part of Edwards county. He was one of the real pioneers of the southern part of the state, and was a democrat of high standing. He was a member of the Second General Assembly in 1820, in which body he introduced and had passed the act creating Wayne county. The county seat was stated in the act to be at his home, until the regular location had been determined. He was reelected to the assembly in 1822, and was also sheriff of Wayne county at one time. Mr. Campbell's grandfather, Alexander Campbell, was likewise sheriff of Wayne county and a member of the legislature in the '50s.

Judge Joseph N. Campbell, father of Bruce A., was very active in demo-

cratic politics. Although he lived in a strongly republican county, he was county judge of Edwards county from 1873 to 1886, master in chancery for Edwards county for a quarter century, and president of the board of education for over twenty years. During the Civil war, he was a second lieutenant in Company G, Eighteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and after the war closed he started practicing law in Albion and so continued until 1918.

Bruce A. Campbell's maternal ancestors were also pioneers of southern Illinois. His maternal grandmother was born in Albion in 1821, daughter of Henry Bowman and wife, who were original settlers in the English colony in Albion in 1818. His maternal grandfather, Dr. Frank B. Thompson, came from England to Albion in 1829 and, with the exception of the time he spent in the Black Hawk, Mexican and Civil wars, practiced his profession there for nearly a half century.

Bruce A. Campbell went through the grade and high schools of Albion, having graduated from the latter in 1894. He then attended the Southern Collegiate Institute in Albion, and graduated in 1897. His higher studies were then taken up at the University of Illinois, and he received therefrom his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1900. It may be noted here, that in the university Mr. Campbell first took an active part in politics, and was for two and a half years president of the Students Democratic Club. Beginning in 1894, Mr. Campbell studied law with his father, continued during his school vacations and until his admission to the bar in December, 1901. He practiced his profession in Albion until 1905, then moved to East St. Louis, where he associated with E. C. and R. J. Kramer. On June 1, 1906, the firm of Kramer, Kramer & Campbell was organized, and existed for over twenty-five years, or until the death of E. C. Kramer in 1931.

One of Mr. Campbell's early offices was that of village attorney of Albion in 1903-04. Governor Deneen appointed him as a member of the committee to recommend changes in law practice and procedure in the state. In 1902, he ran unsuccessfully on the democratic ticket for the General Assembly, but in 1904 he was nominated and elected representative from the Forty-eighth district, which was made up of Crawford, Lawrence, Wabash, Edwards, White, Gallatin, and Hardin counties. Then, after moving to East St. Louis, he ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1910. Mr. Campbell's next bid for public office was in 1932, when he was a candidate for the governorship in the democratic primary and made an extraordinarily fine showing. Mr. Campbell has been a delegate to practically every state convention since 1900, was district delegate from the Twenty-second District to the Baltimore convention in 1912, delegate-at-large from Illinois to the New York convention of 1924, at the Houston convention in 1928 and at the Chicago convention of 1932. He was temporary and permanent chairman of the democratic state conventions in 1922, 1926 and 1932, also temporary chairman in 1930. In the campaign of 1928, he was vice chairman of the Central Region of the Democratic National Committee, which covered eight states. In 1913, he was offered the place as attorney-general of the United States, but declined, also in 1922 he declined a position on the War Frauds Commission. In 1934, finally, he was made chairman of the Illinois Democratic Central Committee.

In 1905, Mr. Campbell was married to Miss Benlah Wilson Campbell, whose father, Dr. J. M. Campbell, was a pioneer physician of St. Clair county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have a son, Joseph Bruce Campbell, of Chicago. Mrs. Campbell is also devoted to the interests of the democratic party. In 1924 and in 1926, she was the nominee of the democratic party for trustee of the University of Illinois.

Mr. Campbell is a very prominent member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and has held many important positions in the lodge. He was exalted ruler of the lodge in East St. Louis in 1909-10, and president of the Illinois Elks Association in 1911-12. He belonged to the National Elks War Re-

lief Association from 1918 until the termination of its service, and since the year 1921 he has belonged to the Elks National Memorial Headquarters Commission, and its successor, the Elks Memorial and Publication Commission. This latter organization built the National Memorial Building in Chicago and conducts the Elks Magazine. Mr. Campbell is vice chairman of this commission. He is likewise chairman of the Illinois Elks Association Crippled Children's Clinic, which has over sixty clinics in the state and a hospital in Chicago. Mr. Campbell has taken the Scottish Rite degrees to the thirty-second in Masonry and also belongs to the Knights Templar. He holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon collegiate fraternity and the Phi Beta Kappa honorary scholarship fraternity. Although Mr. Campbell maintains his office and business connections in East St. Louis, he has his permanent home, which he built in 1926, at 21 Oak Knoll, Belleville, Illinois.

JOHN STELLE

The career of John Stelle, of McLeansboro, as a business man, a farmer, a lawyer and as a public office holder has been constructed on a basis of real achievement, and he is rated as one of the foremost democrats of the state. As assistant state auditor and in 1934 the successful democratic candidate for the responsible position as state treasurer, he has gained a position of eminence in his party, all enhanced by his meritorious service in the United States Army during the World war.

John Stelle was born August 10, 1891 in McLeansboro, Hamilton county, Illinois, and is a son of Thompson B. Stelle, an outstanding lawyer of the state. His ancestry dates back one hundred and seven years in Hamilton county, and he is of English, Irish, French, and German lineage.

The public schools of McLeansboro supplied Mr. Stelle with his first education and then, inspired by the success of his respected father in the legal profession, he took up the study of law in the Washington University Law School in St. Louis, which conferred upon him his law degree in 1916, in which same year he was admitted to the bar.

Mr. Stelle's legal career was interrupted in April, 1917, when he enlisted in the United States Army, war having been declared against the German Empire. He became a first lieutenant in Company B, One Hundred and Fifteenth Machine Gun Battalion, Thirtieth Division, in France and served seventeen months overseas with this notable combat unit. He was wounded and gassed during the conflict.

After receiving his honorable discharge, Mr. Stelle returned to McLeansboro, where he resumed his farming and law practice. He also became connected with a dairy products plant, which is one of the foremost industries at present in Illinois. From the time he reached his majority, Mr. Stelle has been an earnest and staunch adherent of the democratic party, and has always been a diligent worker in its behalf. For sixteen years, he was active in Hamilton county and reached a high rank among the democratic forces of that section of the state. In 1928, he assisted in the organization of the Downstate Democratic Organization, and in 1930 he helped with the management of the downstate campaign for James Hamilton Lewis, who was running for the United States Senate. He also aided in the campaign at this time of Mr. Barrett, candidate for state treasurer, and William H. Dieterich, candidate for congressman-at-large. Two years later, he was director of organization for the Democratic State Central Committee, and in this capacity cooperated with Bruce Campbell and other party leaders in managing the downstate campaign for President Roosevelt and the democratic state officials. Then, in 1931, Mr. Stelle was appointed assistant state treasurer by Edward J. Barrett, then newly elected. He held this position until Mr. Barrett was elected auditor of public accounts, and he then became assistant state auditor. In 1934, Mr. Stelle was named as the

democratic nominee for the office of state treasurer, and was duly elected by the people on November 6, 1934. His record in public office and his sincerity and honesty in the conduct of his affairs make him a very popular candidate on the democratic state ticket.

Mr. Stelle was united in marriage in 1912 to Miss Wilma Wiseheart, of Shawneetown, Illinois, and they have become the parents of two sons.

THOMAS FANNING DONOVAN

Thomas Fanning Donovan, who now holds the high position as lieutenant-governor of the state of Illinois, has had a distinguished career in the practice of law and has been one of the most eminent members of the democratic party for many years, also has held important posts in the service of the party.

Thomas F. Donovan was born on a farm in Livingston county, Illinois, December 17, 1871, of Irish descent, and is a son of Patrick and Rachael (Purcell) Donovan. The father was a native of County Cork, Ireland, and came to the United States with his father, James Donovan, in 1854. From 1857 until 1866, they resided on a farm in Knox county, Illinois, then moved to Livingston county. Rachael Purcell Donovan was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, and came to American shores in 1854. She was married in New York state, and a few years later came to Illinois. By her marriage, she was the mother of eight children, of whom Thomas F. is the seventh in order of birth.

On the home farm near Chatsworth in Livingston county, Thomas F. Donovan was reared. He was a student in the Chatsworth high school, and in 1889 entered Valparaiso University in Indiana. He studied in that institution for five years, and received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1893, and his Bachelor of Laws in 1894. His collegiate work was interrupted for several intervals when he engaged in teaching. He was principal of the schools in Danforth, Illinois, from 1891 to 1893, and he also studied law under the preceptorship of Free P. Morris in Watseka. Mr. Donovan was admitted to the Illinois bar in the year 1894 and for the following eleven years engaged in practice in Kankakee. He was city attorney there from 1897 until 1901. Politics at this time claimed much of his attention, and he was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee from 1896 until 1904.

In 1905, Mr. Donovan took up his law practice in Joliet, Illinois. He is now senior member of the firm of Donovan, Bray & Gray of Joliet and Chicago, which is one of the foremost legal organizations in northern Illinois. Real estate and railroad laws have been the special field of Mr. Donovan's practice, and he is universally recognized as an authority on them. He is the author of a widely used reference book on real estate and railroad law. He has gained a splendid reputation likewise as a speaker, and has lectured much, principally on historical subjects.

Mr. Donovan's first public office was that of city attorney of Kankakee, which he received in 1897, as previously noted. In 1923, he was chairman of the Joliet Fire & Police Commission, and in 1924 he was the democratic candidate for the office of attorney-general of Illinois, but was defeated. From 1912 until his election to his present position, he was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee, and he was chairman of this committee from 1922 until 1934. In 1928, he was elected a member of the Democratic National Committee, and on April 12, 1932 he was nominated for the high office of lieutenant-governor on the democratic ticket, and was duly elected. The completeness and efficiency of his regime is typical of his whole career and he has brilliantly discharged the duties which he has assumed.

On July 5, 1894, Mr. Donovan was married to Miss Alice Aaron; her death occurred November 8, 1901. To this union there were born two daughters, Grace and Gertrude, both of whom studied in the Illinois Normal University and were teachers. Grace is now married to George T. Scully of Chicago, and



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they have five children. Gertrude is the wife of Carl Kinstler of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and they have three children.

Mr. Donovan was married secondly on June 25, 1905, to Miss Gertrude M. Nugent. They have become the parents of two sons, Thomas J. and James.

The religious faith of Thomas F. Donovan is that of the Roman Catholic Church. He belongs to the Will County, the Illinois State and the American bar associations, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

HON. JOHN TOMAN

Hon. John Toman has left the impress of his individuality and ability indelibly upon the history of Chicago. For two decades he served as a member of the city council and is now sheriff of Cook county, also has held other official positions in which he has demonstrated his unfaltering loyalty to municipal welfare and all that pertains to public progress, improvement and upbuilding. A native of Czechoslovakia, then Bohemia, where he was born May 12, 1876, Mr. Toman has lived continuously in Chicago since 1883, having been a little lad of but seven years when brought to this city. His educational opportunities were extremely limited, as he left school in the third grade and began to earn his living, selling papers on the streets of Chicago from 1886 until 1889. Each step in his career has been a forward one, however, and actuated by a laudable ambition, he has pushed steadily forward. For a time he worked as a cash boy with Dennis F. Kelly in the Mandel Brothers store, receiving a wage of two dollars per week. In 1889 he obtained a position as an office boy in the Chicago public library and remained in the library until 1912, winning various promotions, each one with added responsibilities. He attributes his real education to the contacts that he made when in the library and to the opportunities which he utilized of learning from both books and people. His life is indeed an exemplification of the trite but forceful expression "a self-made man," and as he has advanced he has made his work of greater and greater usefulness to his fellowmen.

Interested from early life in politics, Mr. Toman was elected alderman on the democratic ticket from the old thirty-fourth ward in April, 1912, and continuously served as a member of the council until 1923, when Mayor Dever appointed him a member of the board of local improvements, which position he occupied for two years. In the meantime the redistricting of the city had changed the thirty-fourth to the twenty-third ward, and following the death of Joseph O. Kostner on February 25, 1925, Mr. Toman succeeded him as alderman of the twenty-third ward, a special election being held to fill the vacancy in May of that year. From the beginning of his connection with the city council his service has been of value in municipal affairs. During his first term he had the unusual distinction of being appointed chairman of the water committee, for it is unusual for an alderman in his first term to be made the head of any of the important committees. His influence has long been a potent factor in promoting the best interests of the municipality and he has served on all of the important committees of the council, including those on license, streets and alleys, track elevation, local industries and the Chicago commission on the liquor problem. He has ever studied carefully and thoroughly every question having to do with the general good, and further recognition of his important service to the party is indicated in the fact that at the primary of 1934 he was nominated for the office of sheriff of Cook county, and elected in the following November by an overwhelming vote. He was an alternate delegate at large, with George E. Brennan, William E. Dever and James Hamilton Lewis to the democratic national convention at Houston, Texas, in 1928, resulting in the nomination of Alfred E. Smith of New York for president, and Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas for vice president. He represented the sixth congressional district of Illinois at the democratic national convention held in

Chicago in 1932, which resulted in the nomination and election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt for president and John N. Garner of Texas for vice president. Mr. Toman was elected a delegate to the Illinois repeal convention meeting in the city of Springfield on July 10, 1933, at the state capitol, for the purpose of repealing the eighteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, popularly known as the "prohibition amendment."

Mr. and Mrs. Toman, the latter having been Miss Bertha Sefcik before her marriage, have a family of two daughters and a son: Irene, who is now the wife of Dr. Elmer Witons and has a son, E. J. Witous; Dr. Andrew J. Toman, resident physician at the Cook County Hospital; and Lucile, who is completing her education in the Carter H. Harrison high school.

Mr. Toman is prominently known in Masonic circles and is a past archon and member of the state advisory board of Lafayette Chapter, R. A. M. He is also identified with Columbia Commandery, K. T., with the Shrine, the Grotto, the Camels, and with the Medinah Athletic Club. He belongs as well to Chicago Lodge No. 4, B. P. O. E., and the Knights of Pythias, and he still retains connection with the land of his birth through his membership in the Bohemian Club. His social qualities have made many friendships and his political contacts have gained for him the respect and admiration of his fellow workers, who attest the unsullied character of his Americanism and give him place among Chicago's leading citizens.

WARREN H. ORR

Mr. Justice Warren H. Orr, of Carthage, Illinois, attained extraordinary recognition in the legal profession when just a young man and during the subsequent years progressed steadily until he reached the Supreme Court of the state, an achievement worthy of the ability and talent he possesses in the law. Mr. Justice Orr was born in Hannibal, Missouri, on November 5, 1896, and after graduating from high school there he entered the University of Missouri, and from that institution received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1909 and his Bachelor of Laws in 1911. He earned his way through the university chiefly by doing newspaper work. He became editor of his college paper, and he was one of seven students chosen for a senior honorary society.

After his graduation, Mr. Justice Orr was admitted to both the Missouri and the Illinois bars. He first established himself in practice at Quincy, Illinois, and later, in 1911, moved to Hamilton, Illinois. He was elected city attorney of Hamilton in 1913 and held the office for five years with a most creditable record. In 1918, he was elected county judge of Hancock county, re-elected in 1922, and again in 1926, the last time without opposition. As a judge, he manifested exceptional qualities, and often, while county judge, he was asked to preside in the county and probate courts of Cook county and in the municipal courts of Chicago. In 1923, he was elected president of the Illinois County and Probate Judges' Association, and on June 2, 1930 he was elected to the Supreme Court of the State, and is still a member. In this dignified position he has rendered distinguished service, and has served as chief justice of this court.

In 1914, Mr. Justice Orr was united in marriage to Dorothy Wallace of Hamilton, and to them have been born three sons, whose names are Wallace Warren and William.

JOSEPH L. GILL

Joseph L. Gill, clerk of the municipal court of Cook county, has been a lifelong resident of Chicago. His parents were Richard and Bridget (Sweeney) Gill, the former a native of Ireland who on coming to the new world settled on the north side of Chicago. The public schools accorded Joseph L. Gill his early educational opportunities, and he afterward attended the Metropolitan Business College. Much of his life has been devoted to public service, and endorsement of his official activities has come to him in the large majorities given him

when he has been a candidate for positions of public trust. He served as chief clerk in the county treasurer's office from 1914 until 1918, and from 1919 until 1926 was comptroller for the Forest preserves of Cook county. In 1926 he was made valuator for the Forest preserves and continued to act in that capacity until 1930. It was also in 1926 that he was elected a member of the Illinois house of representatives from the thirty-first district and after serving during the fifty-fifth assembly he was reelected for a second term of two years, continuing in the legislature until 1930. In November of that year he was elected clerk of the municipal court of Cook county, which office he now holds. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been unfaltering in his allegiance to the democratic party and for ten years he served as the secretary of the Cook county central committee. He was also a committeeman of the forty-sixth ward and in 1932 he was a delegate to the democratic national convention in Chicago from the ninth district.

On the 23d of December, 1924, Mr. Gill was married to Bertha Fogarty, of Springfield. The family attended St. Sebastian Catholic Church for forty years and are now communicants of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Mr. Gill belongs to the Knights of Columbus and also has membership with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Lake Shore Athletic Club, the Chicago Athletic Club, the Butterfield Country Club and with the Iroquois Club, which draws its membership from supporters of the democratic party.

RICHEY VIVIAN GRAHAM

Richey Vivian Graham, member of the Illinois senate, of which he was president pro tem in 1933 and 1934, and a well known business man of Chicago, was born in Galt, Ontario, Canada, November 22, 1886, a son of John Alexander and Lyda Campbell (Richey) Graham. The removal of the family to Chicago enabled him to pursue his early education in the public schools of this city, while later he attended the Danville Military Institute at Danville, Virginia. In preparation for a professional career he entered the Chicago-Kent College of Law, which institution conferred upon him the Bachelor of Laws and the Master of Laws degrees. He has continuously engaged in active practice since February 13, 1930, and occupies a creditable position at the bar but has not confined his efforts entirely to this field, for he is the president of Cermak & Serhant, Inc., having assumed the duties of the position on the 15th of April, 1934. He is also vice president of the Homan Building & Loan Association, of which he has been a director for the past fifteen years. His spirit of enterprise enables him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and thus he has steadily advanced in his professional and business career.

Mr. Graham was a graduate of the First Officers Training Camp at Fort Sheridan and was commissioned second lieutenant of infantry. He was assigned to the Three Hundred and Forty-fourth Infantry at Camp Grant, Illinois, was promoted to first lieutenant of infantry and was assigned to the Eighty-sixth Division, known as the Blackhawk Division, with which he was overseas for seven months. In fact he was a member of the United States Army from May 15, 1917, until October 1, 1919, when he received an honorable discharge.

About the time of his enlistment Mr. Graham was married in Chicago, June 23, 1917, to Miss Lillian Cermak, daughter of the late Anton J. Cermak, who was Chicago's mayor and the recognized leader of Illinois Democracy. Their children are Vivian Cermak, Anton J. C., Richey V., Jr., and Robert John Graham.

Mr. Graham's religious faith is that of the Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Phi Alpha Delta, a law fraternity. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a charter member of Cicero Lodge, No. 1510, B. P. O. E. His social nature finds expression in his membership in the Medinah Country Club, the Medinah Athletic Club, the Illinois Athletic Club and the Chain of

Lakes Country Club of Antioch, Illinois. He is a past commander of Lawndale-Crawford Post No. 98 of the American Legion, a trustee of the Forty and Eight Convalescent Camp for Disabled War Veterans at Palos Park, Illinois, and a member of the Iroquois Club of Chicago. The last named indicates his political preference. He has always voted the democratic ticket, is a member and vice chairman of the county central committee of Cook county and is district leader of the town of Cicero. For four years, from May 2, 1923, to May 2, 1927, he was superintendent of the Chicago House of Correction and was assistant to the president of the board of county commissioners from May 3, 1927, to January 8, 1929. In the latter year he took his place as a member of the house of representatives, serving for the two-year term, and in 1931 he became senator from the nineteenth district, serving until December 31, 1934, and acting as president pro tem in the upper house in 1933 and 1934. He has proved a fair and unprejudiced presiding officer and wielded a wide influence in support of progressive public measures put forth by the democratic leaders of the commonwealth.

ANTON JOSEPH CERMAK

For a number of years an outstanding figure in connection with the history of the democratic party not only of Chicago but of the entire state, and to a considerable degree of the nation, Anton Joseph Cermak rose from obscurity to prominence and wielded a wide and beneficial influence over the destinies of the metropolis with which he was connected. Bohemia was his native land, his birth having occurred at Kladno, a small town about fifty miles from Prague, on the 9th of May, 1873, but he was only a year old when brought to the new world from Czechoslovakia, as his country is now known. The attractive stories which his father heard concerning the United States and its opportunities led him to desire to give his family the chances here afforded, and crossing the Atlantic, he came at once to Illinois, settling near Braidwood, where he worked in the mines. It was there that Anton Cermak was reared, and when only eight years of age he began working in the mines, gaining experiences that shaped his entire after life. He knew what poverty was, both because of the financial condition of his own family and that of the people about him, and he never ceased to feel the keenest interest in those who were struggling to gain a financial foothold. His opportunities to attend school were naturally limited, but all through his life he possessed keen powers of observation and discrimination that gave him a knowledge not gained from books. Moreover, a spirit of ambition developed that caused him to leave Braidwood and seek his fortune in the larger city. With his worldly goods tied up in the proverbial red bandanna, he left his home town at the age of seventeen years and came alone to Chicago. He had no money and it was necessary that he find immediate employment, which he did by hiring as tow-boy for horse-drawn street cars, riding the extra horse that helped to pull a car up the grade on the Blue Island avenue viaduct. Not far from where he worked was the plant of the International Harvester Company, and as he went to and fro he saw huge bonfires in the yards, made by burning the waste wood from the planing mills. This attracted his attention. He had been taught the strictest economy and he could not endure to see the waste of this material when his neighbors so needed firewood. At length he bought a rickety old wagon and an old nag and arranged with the McCormick works and the Tegtmeyer Lumber Company to haul away their waste wood, which they were glad to get rid of. This he sold at fifty cents a load to the poor people of the district, and it was in this way that Anton Cermak really made his initial step toward fortune. Again his powers of observation enabled him to recognize the fact that men were gaining wealth through investment in real estate, and as his business grew from wood hauling and teaming contracting, he invested his surplus earnings in property which in time assumed major proportions and



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came to occupy most of his attention. He then turned his teaming activities over to his father and a brother and concentrated his efforts upon real estate and private banking. He became one of the organizers of the Lawndale Building and Loan Association and helped many a family to home ownership in that section of the city.

On attaining his majority Mr. Cermak was united in marriage to Miss Mary Horejs, who was then eighteen years of age and who passed away in 1928. They were parents of three daughters: Mrs. Richey V. Graham, whose husband is a member of the state senate and is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Mrs. Frank J. Jirka, whose husband is head of the state health department through appointment of Governor Horner; and Mrs. Floyd Kenley. There are also six grandchildren, and Mr. Cermak's devotion to his granddaughter, Vivian Graham, constituted one of the outstanding characteristics of his life. His love and affection seemed to center in this granddaughter and he found his greatest happiness in her society.

Upon becoming a resident of Chicago, Mr. Cermak took a keen interest in the sokols, societies that are to the Bohemian race what the turnvereins are to those of German nationality. This greatly broadened his acquaintance, and wherever he went the sterling worth of the young man was recognized and he was called to leadership. It was but natural that he should enter the political field, for he always was a man of strong convictions and was fearless in their support. In the early days he stood strongly in opposition to prohibition and became identified with the United Societies, in the work of which he took an active part for personal liberty. He was made secretary of the United Societies for Local Self Government and he advocated that the organization become a political factor. At length it became a recognized fact that in certain sections of the city no candidate could be elected if he did not have the endorsement of the United Societies. As the years passed Mr. Cermak grew in power and influence and for four successive terms was elected to the state legislature, in which he opposed the Anti-Saloon League and local option at a time when older and more cautious politicians thought his course a most unwise one, but Mr. Cermak always fought in the open and did not hesitate to support his convictions. Chicago recognized his ability and his merit by electing him to the city council. In an article in *The Chicago Daily News*, written after his death on March 6, 1933, it was said:

"When national prohibition became effective the city's revenue of one thousand dollars a year each from hundreds of dramshops stopped immediately. He introduced an ordinance for widening the scope of the license bureau which brought one hundred thousand dollars into the city treasury within two months, nearly three million dollars in the following year and more than double that amount in recent years.

"As chairman of the city council committee on railway terminals he helped clarify the lake front ordinances for electrification of the Illinois Central suburban train service and opening up of Chicago's front yard on the lake—Grant park, where the 1933 Century of Progress is to open on June 1.

"The Chicago athletic commission, supervising professional sports, grew out of a Cermak ordinance and became a model for the state law.

"When he became head of the county government, he faced what seemed an unbeatable combination. He fell heir to a deficit of two million, twenty thousand dollars, and he, a democrat, had to manage a board that was republican in majority. In three months he controlled a voting majority and had started the commissioners upon a program of retrenchment in expenditures and revenue solidification. Eventually the deficit was cleared away and the county was placed upon what he termed a cash basis as far as operations were concerned. At the same time the charitable and institutional facilities of the county were enlarged and improved.

"In spite of the fact that county appropriations for charitable purposes

and public service were increased from four million, five hundred and ninety-six thousand, eight hundred and five dollars in 1922 to seven million, seven hundred and seventy-six thousand, six hundred and eighty-four dollars in 1930, more than a fifty per cent jump, the county tax rate remained virtually at the 1922 level.

"The Cook County hospital, the Juvenile court and detention home, the Oak Forest infirmary, the children's hospital, and the new jail and Criminal Courts building were regarded by Cermak as models for the world to shoot at in public service, structure and organization.

"Through all of his work in political office, Cermak had continually been accused of being a spoilsman. Although he had used public office as a means of providing jobs for worthy members of his party, charges of personal graft had never been proved against him.

"When he succeeded to the presidency of the county board, methods of taking care of the public business were in a mess. Vital property and human records were a Chinese puzzle. Taxes were extended and bills addressed by hand, and the county's finances were straitened.

"Appearing before the judges of the Circuit court and revealing the financial condition of the county, he demanded a curtailment. The judges, who designate the number of employes in fee offices, told Cermak coldly to support his contentions with evidence. In thirty days he presented preliminary results of a survey of every fee office under the county government.

"Then began a real fight. He wanted modern mechanical recording and addressing systems, but he faced stubborn resistance from members of the board of review and the assessors. Labor-saving devices eliminated jobs, and jobs eliminated meant weakening of political organizations. Cermak, a politician of the old school himself, was just as obstinate as were the assessors and reviewers.

"He vetoed appropriation bills and successfully rode three cases through to the state supreme court. One of them would have had the county finance prohibition officers in enforcement work on the highways. Cermak maintained that through his riding herd on the board a minimum of one million, five hundred thousand dollars annually was saved.

"Four years ago he had a survey made of the whole county government by nonpolitical experts. It produced some startling deductions. The report, known as the Jacobs report, said that between thirty-five million dollars and seventy million dollars annually could be saved to the people of Chicago and Cook county through consolidation of the four hundred and more separate tax-spreading bodies within the county, elimination of overlapping effort, and so on.

"Cermak approved that action for the county and had made some effort at consolidation of city departments, although not with marked success.

"When Anton J. Cermak was inaugurated as mayor on April 28, 1931, the nation had been in the throes of a depression for eighteen months and the city's finances were in a hazardous, not to say dangerous, state. Three years earlier a reassessment of Cook county real estate had been ordered by the state tax commission.

"High assessments had resulted with greatly increased tax bills, with the result that a taxpayers' strike was under way. That was a hazardous condition, even with the billing of taxes two years behind time.

"It was a thankless task, being mayor of Chicago, and very little glory in prospect. Previous administrations had overburdened the city with bond issues for public improvements, governmental costs were high. If Cermak had wanted to be a spoilsman, the opportunity did not exist. He could not raid the city treasury, had he been so minded; he could not put faithful democrats at work in city jobs, because the jobs did not exist; there was no money to pay salaries.

“There have been charges by political opponents that he flouted civil service by discharging employees under that classification and replacing them with temporary appointees. Perhaps that was done to some extent, as previous administrations have done, but still Cermak was faced with one terrific job—reducing expenses. He made a start on that task. The work is unfinished, for it was something that could not be accomplished over night.

“Cermak pledged himself to reduce municipal costs, but he had a holdover school board to contend with. He promptly declared war on that board, but was unable to gain control himself until a year later. In his first budget message he provided for city cost reduction of fifteen million dollars.

“Relief of unemployed in the city was imperative. The mayor sought help in a special session of the state legislature, without avail. As a democratic administration went into power in Springfield with the beginning of the present year he renewed much more vigorously his demand for emergency legislation and at the time of his death realization of that aim was well under way.

“Another inherited evil was the power of hoodlum gangs in Chicago. The mayor declared war upon the outlaws through his police department, which he turned inside out. The war against the hoodlums had not been won by any means when he relinquished control of city affairs, but their fangs had been pulled.”

Tired out with the complex task of straightening out Chicago's affairs, the mayor sought rest in Florida, intending also to there have an interview with Franklin D. Roosevelt, then president-elect, between whom and Cermak there had sprung up a strong friendship. A bullet aimed at the incoming president by a fanatic struck Mr. Cermak. The story of his last illness is too well known to need repetition here. He had served as host to both national party conventions in 1932 and had been an ardent supporter of Roosevelt in the election campaign. The president-elect took him in his own car to a hospital, and when the end finally came he said: “It is needless to say that the news of the death of Mayor Cermak affects me very deeply and very personally. Aside from the tragic chain of events of which his death is the result, a very warm friendship and a very high respect for Mayor Cermak's ability, friendship and loyalty to his friends would have made his loss a heavy one to me under any circumstances. The brave fight he made shows clearly the wonderful courage of the man. The country at large and the great city of Chicago in particular will miss a strong and resolute character.”

Funeral services for Mayor Cermak were held in the Chicago Stadium, on which occasion eminent men from all sections of the country were present, while thousands and thousands of the common people were there to pay their tribute of respect. In a biography which Paul R. Leach wrote for *The Chicago Daily News*, he said: “Anton Joseph Cermak, mayor of Chicago in her most troublous time, is dead, his work of restoring the good name of the city unfinished. With his passing today at Miami, Florida, victim of a bullet fired by a crazed anarchist at president-elect Roosevelt on the night of February 15, was terminated one of the most colorful political epics in American history. He had served almost two years of his term. His progress from immigrant mine boy in the coal fields of Braidwood, Illinois, to the chair of government in the second largest city of his adopted land, was not a meteoric rise. Rather it was a steady, uphill climb. It was a fight against poverty, against the odds of poor educational opportunities, through the old roughneck battle grounds of politics in Chicago's southwest side. His business and political success came through long hours of plodding, hard work.”

In an editorial *The Chicago Daily News* wrote: “In an hour of grave crisis, when the discharge of executive duties demanded physical courage and moral stamina, Anton J. Cermak proved himself and won the respect and loyalty of the people of Chicago. His life was snuffed out by a bullet intended for another, but throughout his term of service as mayor of this city he walked daily, cour-

ageously and fearlessly, under the menace of a bullet intended for himself. But the ever-present shadow of possible assassination never swerved him from his ceaseless warfare upon the forces of the underworld which he had challenged and roundly beaten in every encounter. Cermak was not only mayor of Chicago; he was the unchallenged leader of his party in Illinois, and as such was subjected to constant pressure to employ both patronage and public money for partisan purposes. Against that insistent demand he stood throughout like a stone wall. Threats of political reprisal at the hands of discharged office-holders and disappointed office seekers seemed only to arouse to greater degree his fighting spirit. Before he was laid low by an assassin he had reorganized the government of Chicago, had reduced its operating expenses by nearly one-third, and was hard at work on plans that promised eventual financial recuperation and rehabilitation for the city."

Such was Cermak, the mayor. Cermak, the man, was a most kindly spirit who never forgot his own difficulties and hardships of early life and therefore never ceased to sympathize with the poor and downtrodden. Countless instances of his practical sympathy have been cited, all characteristics of the kindly spirit that made him a devoted husband and father and a faithful friend who was constantly extending a helping hand to those who needed assistance.

EDWARD J. HUGHES

Among those Illinoisians who have achieved high rank in democratic political circles is Edward J. Hughes, a native of the state, and now holding the office of secretary of state. For over twenty years he has been in public service and has made an enviable record in every incumbency which he has filled.

Edward J. Hughes was born July 26, 1888. He received his first education in the public schools, and then studied law. However, instead of entering the practice of this profession he went into engineering, and became the executive head of the the Northern Bridge Company, which organization made a specialty of structural steel and bridge construction work.

Mr. Hughes first political position was that of state senator from the Twenty-first Senatorial District, in which capacity he served for four terms. He was first elected in 1914, and was re-elected in 1918, 1922 and 1926. Tax legislation was the field of his greatest and most important work in the legislative body, and he gained an outstanding reputation in this particular phase of law-making, with the result that he was elected in November, 1930, as a member of the Cook County Board of Review. It may be noted that he was still a member, and with five years to serve, when he assisted in the passage of the Kelly Bill which eliminated his office. Mr. Hughes was democratic floor leader in the house for a long time, and while such was instrumental in developing the now famous Illinois Research Hospital in Chicago. Later, he became deputy commissioner of public works in the city of Chicago, and while serving as such was nominated on the democratic ticket for secretary of state, to which office he was elected in November, 1932. Mr. Hughes has proved his worth in this high state position beyond all question, and his duties have been performed in a manner which has won the commendation of his supporters and political contemporaries.

Mr. Hughes was married in the year 1920 to Winifred Ronayne of Chicago, and to their union there has been born a daughter, Mary Elizabeth. The family residence is situated at 3339 Fulton Boulevard in the city of Chicago.

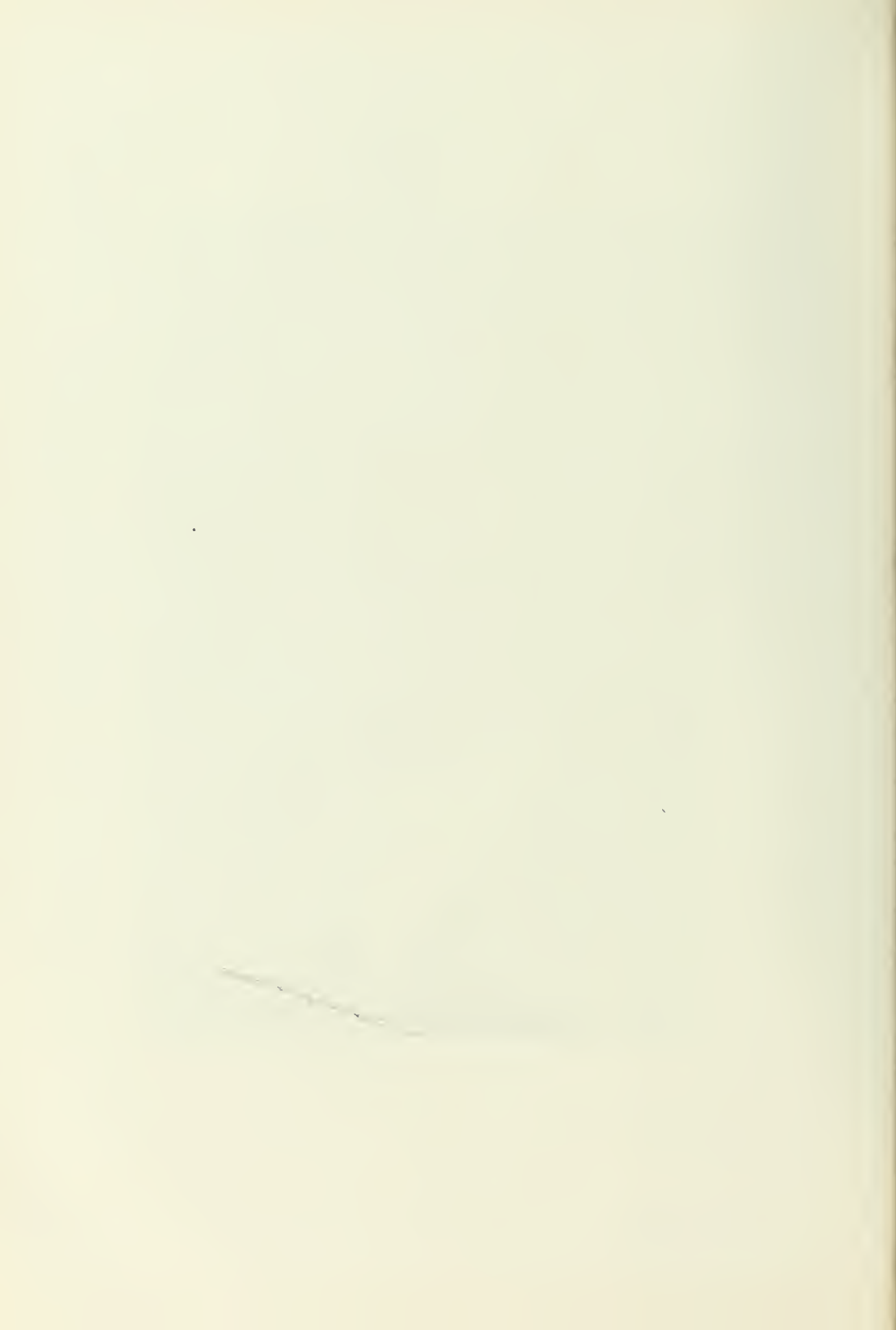
Mr. Hughes is a member of the Western Society of Engineers, the Germania Club, the Chicago Athletic Club, and the Art Institute of Chicago.

EMMETT WHEALAN

Emmett Whealan has been a member of the Cook county board of commissioners for the past fifteen years and its president since 1931, and, at the



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primary election of April 10, 1934, he won the democratic nomination for member of the county board of tax appeals and was elected November 6, 1934. He has been a lifelong resident of Chicago, Illinois, born March 4, 1875, to James and Johanna (Dewey) Whealan. In the acquirement of an education he attended both public and parochial schools and also completed a course at Powers Business College of Chicago. Thereafter he was connected with the printing industry for more than a quarter of a century, being principally engaged in newspaper work prior to entering the real estate field. He is now a member of the well known real estate firm of Whealan & Byrne, with offices at 6239 South Western avenue in Chicago, and is also a director of the McKeown Transportation Company of this city.

Aside from his business interests Mr. Whealan has devoted considerable attention to political affairs as a supporter of the democratic party. He was a delegate from the third congressional district of Illinois to the democratic national convention at Houston, Texas, in 1928 and also a delegate for Illinois to the democratic national convention at Chicago in 1932. He has served as ward committeeman of the twenty-ninth (now fifteenth) ward of Chicago and in 1919 became a member of the Cook county board of commissioners, of which he has been president for the past three years.

On the 8th of November, 1905, Mr. Whealan was united in marriage to Miss Catherine McDonald, of Chicago, and they are the parents of a son, James Emmett. The scope of his interests and activities is indicated by his membership in the Field Museum of Natural History, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Old Time Printers Association, the Typographical Union, the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the National Union, the Royal League, the Lake Shore Athletic Club and the Laramie Golf Club.

ADOLPH J. SABATH

Adolph J. Sabath occupies an eminent position not only in democratic circles in Illinois but has also long been regarded as an outstanding figure in Washington, where he has the distinction of being dean of the congress, having served for twenty-eight years as representative from the fifth Illinois district. He has long exerted a widely felt influence over public thought and action and he has always been regarded as a close and discriminating student of vital governmental problems. A native of Czechoslovakia, he was born April 4, 1866, and was a youth of fifteen years when he emigrated to the United States. His parents were Joachim and Barbara (Eissenschimmel) Sabath, who were also natives of Czechoslovakia, whence they came to the United States in 1892, settling in Chicago, Illinois.

Adolph J. Sabath began his education in his native country and continued his studies in night school in Chicago. He determined to become a member of the bar and matriculated in the Chicago College of Law, which conferred upon him the LL. B. degree at his graduation in 1891. The same year he was admitted to practice at the Illinois bar and entered upon the active work of his profession. He pursued post-graduate work in Lake Forest University in 1892 and he remained in the private practice of law until 1895, when he was elected a judge of the municipal court and served upon that bench for twelve years or until 1907. He had also become identified with the business interests of Chicago as a real estate dealer before entering upon active law practice, and he has long enjoyed a position of leadership in professional ranks as a member of the well known law firm of Sabath, Perlman, Goodman & Rein, with offices at 10 South LaSalle street in Chicago.

In recent years Mr. Sabath has given his attention largely to his public duties. He early allied himself with the democratic party and for four years was chairman of the central and executive committee of the democratic party of Cook county. Appreciation of his ability led to his selection in 1906 as the

nominee of the fifth Illinois district for the sixtieth congress and at the subsequent election he received the endorsement of the public, being accorded a large majority. He has been sent by popular suffrage to all subsequent congresses and for twenty-eight years has represented his district in the national halls of legislation, being now a member of the seventy-third congress. He was a close adviser to President Wilson during the World war. He has served as a member of the foreign affairs committee in the national house of representatives and on the emigration committee, and he was a member of the house committee that reported out the declaration of war with Germany. The congressional records bear testimony of the important part which he has played in shaping the history of the nation during the past twenty-eight years, as he has been active in promoting many measures of wide benefit. He has attended as a delegate all the state and national conventions since 1896 and he rode in the carriage with William Jennings Bryan when the Nebraskan was nominated for the presidency. There are few men in the entire country who have as wide an acquaintance among the lawmakers of the nation and the political leaders of the United States as has Mr. Sabath. He is classed as a progressive, independent democrat. In a word he thinks for himself, studies closely all important legislative questions and supports the measures in whose value he has firm faith. In community affairs in an earlier day he was active and served as police magistrate from 1897 until 1907. His opinions carry great weight among the voters of Jewish and Bohemian blood.

On the 31st of December, 1917, in Chicago, Mr. Sabath was united in marriage to Miss May Ruth Fuerst, daughter of Otto and Anna Fuerst of this city. Her father was a well known writer for Bohemian newspapers and was an independent democrat in politics. Mr. Sabath belongs to the Washington Boulevard Temple and he is a prominent figure in fraternal and club circles. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a Knight of Pythias and a member of the Turners, the Royal League and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His club relationships are with the Iroquois, the Standard, the Congressional Country, the Idlewild Country, Bohemian, Covenant and Press Clubs. He has left the impress of his individuality upon every organization or movement with which he has become associated, and working along constructive lines, he has builded wisely and well. What he has accomplished represents the opportunities America furnishes to the foreign-born—but opportunities which are open only to men of ambition, of ability and of ideals.

JOHN E. CASSIDY

John E. Cassidy, a very popular and able attorney of Peoria, was appointed state director of the National Emergency Council for Illinois by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in January, 1934. He is yet a comparatively young man, but his position in professional and political circles is one of leadership. Mr. Cassidy was born in Ottawa, LaSalle county, Illinois, January 31, 1896, and is the son of Andrew D. and Margaret (Fox) Cassidy. His father and mother were also born at Ottawa, Illinois. His father's parents were John G. and Mary (Canty) Cassidy. The great-grandfather was Andrew Cassidy, a resident of Illinois for many years, the family having long been associated with the development of the state. He and his sister and four brothers, the former of whom died, crossed the Atlantic to the province of Quebec, Canada, about 1820 with their parents. They settled near Shipton and from that district Andrew Cassidy, great-grandfather of John E. Cassidy, came to Illinois, establishing his home near Caledonia, Illinois, but later moved to Livingston and then to LaSalle counties, this state. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Judith Riley, was born in Ireland. They had seven children. One of the sons, John G., was the grandfather of John E. Cassidy.

The paternal grandmother of John E., the subject of this biography, was Mary (Canty) Cassidy. She came to the United States from Ireland about the

year 1840 with her parents, Daniel and Mary (Hurley) Canty. They first settled in Ohio and then later moved to Illinois, making their residence in this state before the Civil war. Daniel Canty, great-grandfather of John E. Cassidy, served with Illinois troops in that war and was killed at the battle of Atlanta. John G. Cassidy, grandfather of our subject also served with Illinois troops during the war. John G. Cassidy and Mary (Canty) Cassidy were married at Ottawa, Illinois about 1868. They were the parents of two children; Andrew D., the father of John E., and Mary Cassidy, the wife of Adam Keim, a resident of Chicago.

Margaret Fox, wife of Andrew D., and mother of John E., married at Ottawa, Illinois, about 1894. Margaret (Fox) Cassidy was the daughter of Owen and Mary (O'Connell) Fox, both natives of Ireland, who settled at Ottawa in their early youth. They acquired farm lands and after the death of Owen Fox, when the large family were still children, the grandmother and older sons continued in that occupation near Ottawa, in LaSalle county. Andrew D. and Mary (Fox) Cassidy became the parents of a son and a daughter, John E., of this review, and Margaret, a resident of Chicago, Illinois.

Public and parochial schools of Ottawa accorded John E. Cassidy his early educational opportunities and his later training was obtained in the university of Notre Dame, where he qualified for law practice, receiving his LL.B. degree in 1917. The same year he was admitted to the bar in Illinois. In May, 1917, he enlisted for service in the World war and was sent to Fort Sheridan. It was while en route from college to camp that he took the bar examination. At Fort Sheridan he was commissioned as second lieutenant and then sent overseas to France, where he was put in a machine gun school at Chattalon Sur Seine. Having completed the required course of instruction he was assigned to duty with the 101st Machine Gun Battalion, 26th Division. He took part in every major combat of the A.E.F., served at Chemin des Dames and also participated in the fighting in the Toul sector, the Battle of Chateau Thierry, in the Aisne-Marne offensive, and in the battles of St. Mihiel and both Argonne drives, being wounded in the second Meuse-Argonne Drive. In 1919 he was mustered out of the service at Camp Devens, in Boston, and was awarded the decoration of the Purple Heart, given only to wounded soldiers. This order was created by General George Washington and the first of the Purple Heart medals were given to wounded soldiers of the Revolutionary war.

Mr. Cassidy began his law practice in Chicago, Illinois, where he was connected with the legal department of the Aetna Life Insurance Company. He was transferred to Peoria, Illinois, by the Aetna Life Insurance Company in 1920, continued one year, then in 1921 took up private practice in Peoria. Through the intervening period he has built up a clientele of large proportions. He has been connected with much litigation that has had to do with the courts of his district and his powers in forensic combat are widely acknowledged.

Mr. Cassidy was married to Miss Susan C. Casey, who was born in Peoria, Illinois, a daughter of James J. and Isabella (Mellon) Casey. They have become the parents of six children, John, James, Susanne, Marilyn, Thomas and Colleen.

Mr. Cassidy is a member of the American Legion and was a delegate to the convention for the repeal of the Illinois prohibition law, acting as committee chairman. He has always voted with the Democratic party and is recognized as one of its forceful and effective leaders. In 1932 he was elected as a district delegate from the sixteenth congressional district to the democratic national convention. In January, 1934, he was appointed state director of the National Emergency Council for Illinois and thus assumed large responsibilities, to which he was most faithful. He belongs to the Peoria Country Club; the American Business Club of which he was the second president in Peoria, also for one year district governor; the University Club of Peoria; the Creve Coeur Club; the Knights of Columbus, in which he has taken the fourth degree; and the Spalding Assembly. He holds unswervingly to high professional standards and is a member of the Peoria, Illinois State and American Bar Associations.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM MARTIN

Descended from ancestors who engaged in banking and having thorough training for many years himself as a banker, John Cunningham Martin is particularly well fitted for his present office as treasurer of the state of Illinois, and he has demonstrated in every manner this fact by his conduct of the financial and commercial duties of his position.

John Cunningham Martin was born April 29, 1880 in Salem, Marion county, Illinois, where both the Cunningham and the Martin families lived since early years of the nineteenth century. Stanch ancestors on both sides of his family did much to hasten the development of that section of the state, and the histories of Marion county have much to say concerning them. Mr. Martin attended the public schools of Salem, then took up his higher studies at the Illinois College in Jacksonville. He returned to Salem after receiving his diploma and thereafter made that community his home, although in his capacity as state treasurer he is temporarily living in Springfield, the capital.

After his return home, Mr. Martin immediately entered the banking business. He became associated with the financial institution which had been founded by his grandfather, John Cunningham, and of which his uncle, Gen. James Martin, and his father, Benjamin E. Martin, had served as president. John C. Martin himself later assumed the presidency of this bank. His work in banking soon became widely known and his reputation as an astute financier became greater each year. He was elected director of the Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis in 1922 and was the incumbent until he resigned to take the office of state treasurer, to which he was elected in November, 1932, on the democratic ticket. This is the first public office held by Mr. Martin, as he never sought political preferment, rather choosing to be a strong supporter of the party and its principles.

Mr. Martin is married, his wife's maiden name having been Margaret Bills, of Oak Park, Illinois. They have become the parents of three children, namely: Mary Ann, John, Jr., and Barney.

Mr. Martin is a member of the American Bankers Institute, the executive committee of the Boy Scouts of America, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Rotary Club. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

 RT. REV. JOHN CHANLER WHITE

No man identified with Illinois Democracy holds a more respected and revered position than the Rt. Rev. John Chanler White, of Springfield, who is the Bishop of the Springfield Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church. His long service in the church and his personal character have brought to him a general recognition as a man of splendid endowments, of high faith, and deep understanding of his fellowmen.

Bishop White was born in Laurens county, South Carolina, on the 21st of May, 1867, and is a son of Thomas Grimke and Martha Phoebe (Edings) White. The bishop is of distinguished ancestry, the first of his paternal line to come to America having been Col. Sir John White of Canterbury, England, who came across the Atlantic with William Penn. His wife, who was a Quaker, was, in her maidenhood, Mary Blake. His son, Blake Lee White, married Elizabeth Bourquin, who was a cousin of General Lafayette, of Revolutionary war fame. One of their sons, James J. B. White, was a general in the army. John Blake White, another son, became famous as an artist and as a writer. He was born in 1781 and died in 1859. He studied art in England, and was a pupil of the noted Benjamin West. Medals were received by him from many sources in honor of the notable canvasses which he produced, and also for the plays which he wrote. His dramas were the first ever produced in South Carolina. It is



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interesting to note that he was likewise educated for the law, but devoted his life to artistic pursuits instead. John Blake White was twice married, his first wife having been Eliza Alston. He was married secondly to Anna Rachel Driscoll, and to this latter union there was born Thomas Grimke White, the father of Bishop White. He was first a doctor in Bufort, South Carolina, and later engaged in the practice of law. He was a captain in the Confederate Army, South Carolina troops, during the Civil war. Thomas G. White was twice married, his first wife having been Ella Louise Edings, and to them there was born one son. Mr. White married secondly Martha Phoebe Edings, a sister of his first wife, and to this marriage there were born ten children, of whom one is Bishop White. Along other lines of his family, the bishop also is related to Gen. Francis Marion and John C. Calhoun.

Bishop White received his Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Stephen's College in Annandale, New York, in 1888, and then graduated from the General Theological Seminary in 1891. His Doctor of Divinity degree was received from St. Stephen's S.T.D. General Theological Seminary. He was made a deacon in the church in 1891 and a priest in 1892, and then became rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church in Rantoul, Illinois. From 1891 until 1893, he was in charge of St. Thomas Church in Thomasboro, Illinois. From 1893 until 1897, he was chaplain and private secretary to Bishop Seymour and also had charge of Christ Church in Waverly, Illinois. From 1898 until 1900 he was rector of the Holy Trinity Church in Hartwell, Ohio, and of St. Paul's Church in East St. Louis from 1900 until 1909. His theological work was most thorough and his influence in the councils of the church became broad and enlightening. In 1909-10, he was general missionary of the Springfield Diocese, and from 1916 until 1924 he was rector of the Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church in Lincoln, Illinois. On February 19, 1924, he was elected Bishop of the Springfield Diocese and consecrated as its fourth bishop on May 14, 1924. Bishop White's diocese embraces a total of sixty counties in the state of Illinois and extends as far south as Cairo.

On September 10, 1891, John Chanler White was united in marriage to Katherine Dresser of Springfield, whose grandfather was the Rev. Dr. Charles Dresser, first rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Springfield. He officiated at the wedding of Abraham Lincoln and built and sold to Mr. Lincoln the Lincoln Home on Eighth street, Springfield. To Bishop and Mrs. White have been born two children, Lieutenant Thomas Dresser White, who is military attache for the Air to the Oea Embasse, at Moscow, and Katherine Virginia White. The Bishop is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Knights Templar. His fraternity is the Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

HON. JAMES McANDREWS

With many years of faithful service in public office and with a record of important and beneficial achievements to his credit, the Hon. James McAndrews of Chicago, Illinois, holds eminent ranking in the democratic party of the state. His record in congress is one of which he may well be proud and the satisfaction it has given to his constituents is well indicated by the number of years he has represented them in Washington, D. C.

Mr. McAndrews was born in Chicago and here reared to young manhood, his home having been at Washington Boulevard and Western Avenue. In the public and parochial schools, he received his education, and as a youth he became associated with his father in business, which he continued to operate after the latter's death.

Political affairs, particularly on the West Side of the city, became matters of absorbing interest to Mr. McAndrews when he was a young man, and he very soon became a figure in democratic circles. He displayed exceptional aptitude in politics, and in 1894 was named as building commissioner of Chicago. He served in this capacity until the following year, but was in this office again

from 1897 until 1901. For over twenty years he was a member of the Democratic Central Committee, and for a decade was chairman of the West Side district. He was also chairman of the executive committee of the central committee.

In 1900, his popularity having grown by leaps and bounds, he was given the democratic nomination for Congress from the Fourth District, and he was elected. He served in the Fifty-seventh Congress, beginning in 1901, then was re-elected in 1902, and served in the Fifty-eighth Congress, representing the Fifth District. He retired in March, 1905, but in 1912 he was again elected, to represent the Sixth District, and by repeated elections served in the Sixty-third, Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth, and Sixty-sixth sessions, then retired in 1921. However, his Congressional record was such that in 1932, after he had moved to the North side of Chicago, his friends again brought him forth as the democratic candidate for Congress from the Ninth district, and he was nominated but was defeated by Congressman Britten. Again, in 1934, he was nominated for the seat in Congress and elected November 6, 1934. Mr. McAndrews' committee record, particularly on the appropriations committee, was an outstanding feature of his years in Congress. He formed numerous friendships in Washington, even with such political opponents as Joseph G. Cannon, and in every contact he made he inspired confidence and respect. On January 31, 1934 the Illinois Liquor Control Law was approved, and immediately afterward Mr. McAndrews was appointed as a member of the Liquor Control commission.

Mr. McAndrews is married and has three children, the family residence being situated at 2440 Lake Vier Avenue in the city of Chicago.

HON. CORNELIUS J. HARRINGTON

One of the younger democrats of Cook county, Illinois, who has won conspicuous success in public affairs and in political circles, is Cornelius J. Harrington, who has recently been elected to the circuit court bench in Cook county, and who has made remarkable progress during the years since he entered the practice of law. He well exemplifies the spirit of modern democracy, the will-to-win which has carried the party to the forefront in the state, and has given added prestige to the party made famous by such men as Douglas, Altgeld and Dunne.

Cornelius J. Harrington is a native son of Chicago. His birth occurred in this city on the 5th of August, 1897, and his parents were natives of Ireland. The parochial and city schools supplied him with his first education, but his studies were suddenly interrupted after the United States declared war against Germany. When nineteen years of age, he enlisted in Battery D, One Hundred and Forty-ninth United States Field Artillery, which unit had formerly been the First Illinois Field Artillery, and was attached to the famous Rainbow Division, destined for overseas duty. Judge Harrington went overseas with his outfit in October, 1917, and thereafter was in France and Germany for a period of eighteen months. He saw real service. He was engaged in five major offensives and defenses, including the Champagne-Marne, the Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, and the Meuse-Argonne. The armistice having been signed, he was honorably discharged on May 19, 1919, and returned to the United States. Having long previously decided upon the law as his life's work, he resumed his legal studies at De Paul University College of Law, and from this institution received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1921 and his Master of Laws in 1922. Judge Harrington began the actual practice of law in Chicago in 1921, when he became associated with the well-known law firm of McCormick, Kirkland, Patterson & Fleming. With this highly reputable firm he gained valuable and important legal experience for himself, for his later work before the bar. Litigation of importance was assigned to him, and in all cases he acquitted himself brilliantly. He eventually became a member of the board of election commissioners for the city of Chicago and for one year specialized in cases dealing with election contests. In 1923, he was appointed master of chancery

in the superior court of the city of Chicago to Judge John J. Sullivan, and in 1929 he received his appointment to this responsible position for the fourth consecutive time. He was also counsel for the Board of Assessors as for the democratic party in Cook county. His election to the bench of the Circuit Court of Cook county, is tribute to his proved ability in legal affairs and popularity among his fellow-citizens.

Judge Harrington was married to Miss Carolyn Speer, and to them have been born three children, namely: Cornelius, Robert, and James.

Judge Harrington is a member of the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity, and belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the La Salle Assembly, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Illinois Athletic Club, and the Crystal Lake Country Club. Civic affairs of Chicago have always received his devoted attention and he has always been a contributor and cooperator in all affairs pertaining to the public welfare.

HON. J. PAUL CALIFF

The record made by the bench and bar of Illinois constitutes a most important chapter in the history of the state. The representatives of the legal profession have on the whole held to high standards and in this connection mention should be made of Hon. J. Paul Califf, of Aledo, who is now circuit judge, having the distinction of being the first democrat ever elected to this office in the fourteenth circuit. Back of his service on the bench he had broad experience in law practice, having been connected with much of the most important litigation heard in the courts of western Illinois for more than two decades.

The Judge is a native of Hancock county, this state, born April 27, 1885. His parents were John A. and Martha A. Califf, both of whom have now passed away. The father was an active democrat, widely known to the leaders of the party throughout the state. He served as county superintendent of schools of Hancock county for twelve years and the cause of public education found in him a stalwart champion and one whose labors were far-reaching and beneficial. He also represented his district in the forty-fifth general assembly and he was a member of the board of the Illinois State Reformatory at Pontiac. His opinions carried weight in party councils and his influence was an effective force in winning party victories.

After attending the public schools of Hancock county, J. Paul Califf began reading law under the direction of Judge Charles S. Scofield. He thoroughly mastered the basic principles of the profession and in 1909 was admitted to the bar, after which he entered upon active practice, in which he successfully engaged for fourteen years. He then became secretary to Floyd Thompson, Justice of the Supreme Court, at Rock Island and occupied that position for five years, at the end of which period he located in Aledo, where in 1928 he formed a law partnership with F. L. Church. That association was maintained for six years, at the end of which time Mr. Califf was appointed circuit judge to fill out an unexpired term, and in June, 1933, he was elected to the office. His record on the bench is one over which there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. He has been fair and impartial in his rulings and his wide knowledge of the law makes his opinions a correct expression of the legal principles applicable to the points at issue. This was not the first time that Judge Califf was called to office. While living in Carthage, Hancock county, he was elected mayor of that city and gave to it a businesslike and progressive administration. He also served as president of the board of education and, like his father, was most faithful to the best interests of the public schools. He has long been an outstanding figure in democratic circles. For many years he was secretary of the Hancock county democratic central committee and soon after his removal to Mercer county became chairman of the county central committee, continuing to act in that capacity until his appointment to the bench. During the Roosevelt-Horner campaign he was a member of the state campaign managing committee.

which was composed of twenty-two men. He has firm belief in the party principles, to which he is most loyal, although in accordance with the ethics of the profession, he has taken no active part in party work since his elevation to the bench.

In June, 1909, Judge Califf was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Egbers, of Hancock county, Illinois, and they are the parents of two children, Junis P. and William. Fraternally Judge Califf is a Mason of high rank, having become a Knight Templar, while in the Scottish Rite he has attained the thirty-second degree. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the rules that have ever governed his conduct are further indicated in the fact that he has long been a consistent member of the Christian Church.

EDWARD JOSEPH KELLY

The measure of success of Edward Joseph Kelly, mayor of Chicago, is found in the many tangible services which he has contributed to the upbuilding and progress of the municipality. There are few public projects that have been instituted and developed during the past three decades that have not benefited by his support and influence, and as mayor he is giving to the city a business-like administration that notwithstanding the unusual depression has resulted in many forward movements. Moreover, Mr. Kelly is a splendid example of the American self-made man—the man to whom difficulties serve as an impetus to further effort and whose life has been actuated by a spirit of continuous advancement.

Born of poor parents in Chicago, May 1, 1876, he is a son of Stephen and Helen (Lang) Kelly. He attended public school and night schools and studied under private tutors, while later he received the LL. D. degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1928, but early in life he had to go to work and has practically educated himself by personal study. He started his engineering career as an axman with the Sanitary District of Chicago at a salary of only sixty-two dollars per month but gradually worked his way upward, filling every position in the Sanitary District engineering department up to and including that of chief engineer, continuing with the department through all of the changes in political power. At Governor Dunne's request he was "loaned" to the state of Illinois to serve on the first waterway board and was instrumental in passing deep waterway legislation favorable to the waterway from Chicago to the Mississippi River.

The skill which he had displayed in engineering circles, combined with his loyalty in the discharge of every public duty, led to his appointment as South Park Commissioner in May, 1922, by unanimous vote of the non-partisan circuit court judges, and the excellent service rendered in this capacity led to his re-appointment for three successive terms. In March, 1924, he was elected president of the South Park Board and has continuously acted in that capacity through the intervening period down to 1934. Under his administration the South Park Board has attained and maintained sound financial strength—the only municipality in this area which has consistently paid its bills and its employees during the period of depression. In his executive capacity on the board, Mr. Kelly directed the transformation of Grand Park from a "tin can dumping grounds" to one of the most beautiful parks in the world. He was instrumental in building the great stadium known as Soldier's Field and supervised the memorable Army-Navy game which was held there and which is regarded as the greatest event of its kind ever held anywhere. He also supervised the Dempsey-Tunney fight at the Stadium, as well as a number of other sporting events that have drawn national attention and support. He perfected plans for handling large crowds that have been copied and adopted all over the world.

It was Mr. Kelly who engineered the building of the outer drive on the south side of Chicago, and largely through his personal efforts the old Fine Arts



EDWARD J. KELLY

building of the World's Columbian Exposition was saved and rebuilt to become one of the world's most beautiful structures, now housing the Rosenwald Industrial Museum.

As president of the South Park Board, Mr. Kelly took a most active and resultful part in making arrangements for and developing a Century of Progress Exposition. He has been one of the main advocates of the outer link bridge at the mouth of the Chicago River to relieve the north and south traffic. A number of city parks have come into existence through his efforts, including one of twenty-six acres in the colored district. Also he was instrumental in securing equipment and facilities for developing children's health and welfare in many of the parks of Chicago. He formulated the plans and officially supervised the building of a number of the most beautiful boulevards of the city, and he has been a leader in Chicago's fight to secure sufficient lake water withdrawal to adequately care for Chicago's sewage needs.

Mr. Kelly was selected mayor of Chicago, much against his wishes, by unanimous vote of the city council, including both republican and democratic members. Assuming the duties of the position, he organized the mayor's office on a strictly sound business basis. Among his early official acts was the appointment to the city cabinet of men and women of established integrity and ability. He was the first major public official to inaugurate and maintain a courtesy drive among public servants in all departments, and as a result Chicago police officers were commended by people from all parts of the world for their courtesy and interested service to World's Fair visitors. It was Mayor Kelly who divorced politics from the police department, and he steadily refuses to allow any interference with the police properly enforcing the laws. He also established the system of reward-for-merit in the fire department as well as all other city departments, and he re-established confidence in the civil service commission by consistently demanding full protection of civil service rights and rigid adherence to high standards of justice, fairness and efficiency in civil service appointments and promotions.

Mayor Kelly is constantly on duty in his office from nine o'clock in the morning until seven or eight o'clock in the evening, and very often his Sundays are devoted to municipal duties. Since taking up his present position as chief executive of America's second city he has the endorsement of people of all political creeds, evidence of this fact being seen in the splendid support and co-operation he has constantly received from the city's leaders in business, professional and social circles. He has done much to restore Chicago's fair name. Personally he has directed an intensive and relentless campaign against gangsters and hoodlums and has practically driven those elements from Chicago, thus bringing about a material reduction in crime. Through his campaign of "cleaning up Chicago" he has promoted new confidence in and increased respect for the city by other cities and peoples all over the world, and editorials in newspapers throughout America praise Chicago for its fine police work and the wonderful progress made against organized crime. Racketeer labor organizations have learned to fear Mayor Kelly, and through his co-operation with the state's attorney and legitimate labor unions and officials, the outlaw unions have been virtually banished from Chicago and business concerns of the city have been saved millions of dollars which formerly they were forced to pay out in unnecessary and unlawful tribute. The United States Senate investigating committee which recently investigated crime conditions in Chicago, congratulated the mayor, the state's attorney and other law-enforcing officials here for their effective work in the elimination of gangs, rackets, etc.

Mayor Kelly has also contributed to the material prosperity of Chicago by his personally successful efforts in bringing a large number of conventions here, with thousands of visitors coming to spend money and increase business activities. Mayor Kelly has made approximately six hundred speeches before conventions, associations, organizations, schools, clubs, etc., during his first year as mayor.

He studies every municipal problem with thoroughness and presents his subject with clearness and logic. His attitude in relation to the schools is well known to the public, his labors resulting in taking Chicago's school children out of unsanitary, disease-breeding portables and putting them back into warm, substantial, healthful school buildings. Soon after he became mayor he secured a cash pay day for unpaid school teachers and thus averted a most serious situation. He lent every ounce of energy and effort to get funds for the board of education in order that the unpaid teachers could have their back salaries brought up to date. He made personal appeals to the legislature in behalf of the teachers, secured the co-operation of Chicago bankers in raising cash for teachers' pay and made trips to Washington, where he pled for federal relief for the teachers. Chicago teachers have received their pay in full through the efforts of Mayor Kelly.

Mayor Kelly's efforts resulted in securing pay days for city employees who were five and one-half months in arrears until their pay days are now only six weeks behind, with the prospects bright for this indebtedness being soon wiped out. Constantly studying the institutions of the city, Mayor Kelly has seen that the House of Correction is operated at the greatest point of efficiency ever reached by that institution. The Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium is now the model of achievement in administration, competent technical men and women having been retained and appointed to positions there regardless of political creed, while the patients are better cared for than in any other such institution in the world.

From the municipal financial standpoint, the records show that during the first eight months of his administration Mayor Kelly saved over three million dollars to the taxpayers by forcing needed economies, and at the same time increased the efficiency of service rendered to the public. Under his guidance the city expenses have been reduced to approximately sixty-seven million dollars a year—a savings of about forty-five million dollars annually to the taxpayers. Moreover, the expenses of the board of education have been reduced about twenty-seven million dollars a year. These figures definitely indicate the kind of service that Mayor Kelly is rendering to Chicago. He personally sat in with the city's budget-makers so that he could watch over the budget first hand and thus keep the tax levies down by insisting on the elimination of appropriation not actually needed in times of financial stress.

Mayor Kelly organized the Chicago Recovery Administration, patterned after the National Recovery Administration, for the purpose of creating a non-partisan organization of business, professional, social and governmental leaders to study urgent civic problems and make necessary recommendations for improvement of government and reduction of taxes. The Chicago Recovery Administration has on various occasions amply demonstrated its power toward accomplishing benefits for the public good.

To Mayor Kelly must be attributed the establishment of the Keep Chicago Ahead committee of leading business men, a committee pursuing an active campaign to stimulate Chicago's business activities and now in the midst of plans for a nation-wide campaign of publicity to bring millions of visitors to A Century of Progress Exposition in 1934 and to Chicago as a summer resort, thus advancing business and local employment. Mayor Kelly conceived and put into force Chicago's Own Christmas Benefit, a gigantic charitable benefit which was conducted by leading business men with the aid of the democratic organization and which provided new outfits of clothing and shoes to more than thirty thousand of Chicago's poor and needy children at the Christmas season of 1933.

Every vital public question awakens his interest, and his belief in any project means his unfaltering and adequate support of the cause. When the milk strike threatened enormous loss of property and possible loss of life, he called the warring factions into his office, and induced them to call off their strike and submit their differences to an arbitration board. Through personal appeal

to Washington, he secured the Department of Agriculture milk hearing in Chicago, with the result that retail price of delivered milk was reduced two cents a quart.

Mayor Kelly displayed a most courageous spirit in urging the city council to discard the old traction ordinance as being obsolete and unfair to the public and recommended a completely new ordinance which will not only contain all the important benefits of the old one, such as universal transfers, etc., but also a number of new advantages to the city and to the public.

It was through the co-operation of Mayor Kelly that the national convention of the American Legion in 1933 was such an exceptional success. Hundreds of letters have been received from Legion officials throughout the United States commending the mayor for the marvelous treatment and service accorded Legion members by the police and other public employees, and Legion officials have posted ten thousand dollars to secure the return of the national convention to Chicago.

Mayor Kelly, moreover, deserves the distinction of being the first Chicagoan to demand publicly, subject to the wish of the people, that A Century of Progress Exposition reopen in 1934. He made the demand upon the World's Fair officials and those financially interested with the result that Chicago had its second exposition with the resulting increase of business and employment as well as a further opportunity to build up the city's reputation to still higher standards.

Chicago's mayor assisted in formulating and developing the plans for the Eucharistic Congress held at Soldier's Field. Activities for the cultural benefit of Chicago have received his strong and helpful endorsement and he is now serving as a trustee of the Art Institute, while ex-officio he is a member of the Chicago Plan Commission. He belongs to the Chicago Association of Commerce, in which he is serving as a member of the ways and means and of the traffic and aviation committees. Strictly along the line of his profession, he is connected with the Western Society of Engineers and with the American Society of Engineers. In club circles, too, he is well known, having membership in the Chicago Athletic, Illinois Athletic, Press, South Shore Country, Beverly Country, Union League and Chicago Yacht Clubs. Mayor and Mrs. Kelly reside at 4821 Ellis Avenue with their three children: Joseph, Patricia, and Stephen.

Such in brief is the life story of Edward Joseph Kelly. His history is still in the making. Day by day he is laboring on, accomplishing results that are far-reaching, and the municipality of Chicago is to be congratulated upon the businesslike and humanitarian administration which he is rendering to it.

VICTOR KLEBBA

Victor Klebba is director of public relations of the city of Chicago. Born of a family imbued with the principles of democracy for several generations, it was natural that Victor Klebba should in his adult life become a factor in democratic politics in his adopted city, Chicago.

His grandfather, John Walker, one of the early pioneers in Nebraska, was for years a state democratic leader, being one of William Jennings Bryan's most intimate friends and political associates. His father, Frank T. Klebba, was prominent in democratic circles in central Nebraska.

Victor Klebba first saw the light of day in Humphrey, Nebraska, a small community located in the north central part of Nebraska, on April 16, 1892. It was here that he spent his childhood days, part of the time on the farm and part in the village, where he attended the local school. In 1907 his family moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where he attended and graduated from high school. After completing a full course at commercial college, he entered the employ of the

Burlington Railroad, advancing in position until he became the local depot ticket agent for that company. He then spent five years in the real estate and insurance business with his uncle, Frank T. Walker, a close associate of Arthur Mullen, who was so prominent in the Roosevelt campaign as state democratic committeeman from Nebraska.

Being of large physical stature and athletically inclined, young Victor became interested in the sport of wrestling and, after making a worth-while showing against the late Frank Gotch at the age of nineteen years, decided to come to Chicago to seek his future in that game. A severe case of ptomaine poisoning, however, altered his plans and he entered the employ of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad as a draftsman in the engineering department.

Then came the World war and young Klebba was one of the first to enlist, serving for a time with the Medical Corps of the United States Army and later transferring to the Railway Engineers. He served an enlistment period of two and one-half years, a year and a half of it with the A. E. F. in France. In his military service, he was steadily promoted until he reached the grade of senior master engineer, the army's highest non-commissioned office. For his excellent service in France he was cited in general orders by the Commander-in-Chief of the A. E. F., General John J. Pershing, and later, in 1932, was decorated with the Order of the Purple Heart as the result of Pershing's citation. He also received the decoration of the Order of Zeal from the late King Nicholas of Montenegro for services rendered that country.

After receiving his honorable discharge from the army in 1919, he returned to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he married Miss Marie McNaughton, a resident of that city, and entered the mail order advertising business there. After three years in Minneapolis, he was brought back to Chicago by Butler Brothers, the world's largest wholesale mail order house, to be their general advertising and correspondence counsel, which position he held for several years. He then became advertising and sales promotion manager for a large Chicago syndicate newspaper service, at which work he continued for three years, or until he established Superior Advertising Service, his own advertising agency. After two years in the agency business, he received and accepted a flattering offer from Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, who at that time was the director of health of the Sanitary District of Chicago. On Dr. Bundesen's election to the office of coroner of Cook county (the campaign being managed by Klebba) the doctor appointed Mr. Klebba as his chief deputy. In this position he made a close and complete study of the law of this office and its administrative duties with the result that he developed an entirely new and effective policy of administration, also assisting materially in the saving of over seventy-five thousand dollars of the taxpayers' money during the first years of Dr. Bundesen's incumbency.

Resigning the office of chief deputy coroner, Mr. Klebba again entered the advertising business for himself, in which connection he was called to handle the country towns campaign for State Senator Thomas J. Courtney in his race for the office of state's attorney for Cook county. The results of Klebba's efforts were so pronounced that the then mayor of Chicago, the late Anton J. Cermak, sighting promising material for the Democratic party, placed this young and capable executive in the position of director of public relations for the city of Chicago, a position which he has retained through the tenures of office of the late Mayor Frank J. Corr and the present mayor, Edward J. Kelly. In this position he had numerous important duties, preparing publicity and speeches, handling the city hall radio programs, taking care of most of the mayor's personal and official correspondence, conducting preliminary interviews with callers upon the mayor, handling all the convention matters of the city and being in charge of the mayor's representatives at various functions, many times acting as the mayor's representative himself. In this busy round of duties he has made numerous fine contacts and has gained countless friends for Mayor Kelly and the democratic party. As a reward and recognition of his

loyal, intelligent and capable service, Mayor Kelly appointed him as acting city sealer in May, 1934, a position which he still holds, having made a number of physical and administrative improvements which have evoked merited admiration from all his observers.

Mr. Klebba lives with his wife and three boys at 5661 Neva avenue (Norwood Park), Chicago, in the 41st ward, where he has been a helpful ally to Committeeman Thomas J. Bowler. Klebba was the organizer and is the ward representative of the 41st Ward United Democratic Service Men, a group which has been loyal and energetic in the promotion of democratic principles and candidates. He is also active in a number of Polish organizations, being of Polish ancestry himself. He is a public speaker of note, especially in the newspaper and advertising field, where he has made over two hundred speeches, including one before the International Advertising Association convention.

Mr. Klebba speaks four languages. His spare time hobbies are music, fishing and photography. He is the designer and co-editor of many of Dr. Bunden's famous baby books. He is at present a captain in the Quartermaster Reserve of the United States Army.

Illinois Democracy is proud to tell the story of this young democrat, the newer type of public servant, and we confidently look forward to still greater achievements on his part—achievements which will reflect credit not only upon himself but also upon Mayor Edward J. Kelly and Thomas J. Bowler, his sponsors, and the democratic party at large.

JAMES R. BRYANT

James R. Bryant, Master in Chancery of the Superior Court of Cook County, was nominated for his present office by Judge Francis S. Allegretti. He is a well known attorney who has long been active and prominent in connection with civic affairs, and his professional experiences and public activities well qualify him for the duties of his present position.

Mr. Bryant was born in Harrisonville, Missouri, September 25, 1891, and is a son of Hayne Ruble and Sarah Jane (Ryan) Bryant. He is of old American ancestry, his ancestors having followed that stream of immigration which led from Virginia and North Carolina to Kentucky, and from Kentucky to Missouri. He received his public school and high school education in his native town, and went from there to the University of Missouri, where, in 1913, he received an A. B. degree.

Subsequent to graduation, he went to the Philippine Islands, where for three years he was an educational administrator in the public schools, working a portion of his time with the so-called "head-hunting" tribes of the mountains.

Upon his return from the Philippine Islands in 1916 he entered the University of Chicago Law School. In 1917 he attended the Second Officers' Training Camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and was commissioned a second lieutenant and was assigned to the Three Hundred and Thirty-sixth Infantry of the Eighty-fourth Division. He was in the army service of the United States for twenty months, seven months of which were spent in France. Upon his return he reentered the University of Chicago Law School and received the J. D. degree therefrom in 1920.

He was admitted to the bar in 1920 and, for thirteen years after entering the practice of law, was associated with an organization of which Adolf Kraus, Judge Clarence N. Goodwin and Julius F. Smietanka were members. On the 1st of October, 1933, he opened law offices at 135 South LaSalle street, where James A. Daley is associated with him in general practice.

He married Elizabeth Pierremann Sampson of Louisville, Kentucky, in 1920, and lives with her and their three children, Martha Sampson, James Ryan, Jr., and Elizabeth Jane, at 6319 Louise avenue, Chicago.

Mr. Bryant has long been active in politics in the forty-first ward of which Mr. Thomas J. Bowler is the ward committeeman. He is a believer in pure democracy and he supports his position by logical and convincing argument.

Mr. Bryant belongs to the Chicago Bar Association and to the Phi Delta Phi, a legal fraternity. He has membership in the Masonic bodies and in the University Club of Chicago. He finds recreation and interest in his garden and flowers and his hobby is antique furniture and its restoration. Upon these various subjects he is largely an authority. He has been prominent in the American Legion and was chairman of the committee that amended the state constitution enabling the old Cook County association to become part of the Legion structure and be known as the Cook County Council. He also headed the committee drafting the constitution for that council. He has been an active officer of Advertising Men's Post, No. 38. The interests of his life are thus varied and have a broadening influence, bringing him into touch with many. At the same time his chosen life work receives due attention and the record which he has made both as a practicing attorney and as Master in Chancery is one that reflects credit and honor upon his chosen calling.

ROBERT M. SWEITZER

It would be difficult to find a man who occupies a warmer place in public regard than Robert M. Sweitzer. It is not only the supporters of the democratic party who give him their confidence and respect but also of the opposition as well—a fact indicated by the large majorities that have been accorded him when he has been a candidate for office. In November, 1910, he was elected county clerk of Cook county and for twenty-four consecutive years has filled the position.

Born in Chicago, May 10, 1868, Mr. Sweitzer is a son of Martin J. and Sarah (Lamping) Sweitzer, the former a Civil war veteran who served with an Illinois infantry regiment. Robert M. Sweitzer attended the public schools of Chicago, followed by study in St. Patrick's Commercial Academy and in the Christian Brothers College of St. Louis, Missouri, which conferred upon him the honorary Master of Arts degree. He initiated his business career as a clerk with W. F. McLaughlin & Company of Chicago and from 1885 until 1893 was with the James H. Walker Company as a general salesman, while subsequently he held a similar position with the John V. Farwell Company from 1893 until 1910. It was then that he was called to public office, having been elected county clerk of Cook county in November of that year. His incumbency in the position has covered six consecutive terms of four years each, extending until December, 1934. At the primaries in April, 1934, he was made the party's candidate for county treasurer, subject to the vote of the people in the November election. Twice he was the unsuccessful nominee for mayor of Chicago, but in those years—1911 and 1915—the city went republican.

On the 3rd of August, 1904, in Chicago, Mr. Sweitzer married Miss Alice Jane Kevil, also of this city, and they have a son and two daughters: Robert M., Jr., Alice and Margaret. The family hold membership in the Roman Catholic Church, being connected with Our Lady of Sorrows parish, and in church work Mr. Sweitzer has taken active and helpful part. He is vice president and general manager of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago and has the distinction of having been the founder of this work, for which he was knighted, receiving from Pope Pius XI the decoration of Knight of St. Gregory the Great, which was conferred on him May 29, 1924. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Elks.

During the World War Mr. Sweitzer served on the State Council of Defense and was chairman of the committee on coordination. He belongs to the Chicago Athletic Association, the Illinois Athletic Club, the Olympia Fields Country Club, the Chicago Riding Club, the Chicago Yacht Club and the Chicago Schutzen Verein. He finds his recreation largely in golf and reading and he is



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always an entertaining speaker, his services being much in demand as a public speaker and as chairman and toastmaster at banquets. His office in the county building is adorned by many friendly tokens—gifts from his admirers and associates. One of his pronounced characteristics is his recognition of the good in his fellowmen, manifest in a sincere and abiding interest in and helpfulness toward all with whom he comes in contact.

CHARLES H. WEBER

The history of democracy in Cook county would be incomplete and unsatisfactory were there failure to make reference to Charles H. Weber, who is now serving as county commissioner. He was born in Chicago, August 13, 1894, and is a son of Joseph A. Weber, now living retired. The son attended St. Alphonsus school and afterward entered De Paul University, where he completed his education save for the valuable lessons which he is continually learning through experience. He is now active in the real estate field and is thoroughly informed concerning property values in the metropolis.

During the World war period Mr. Weber served with the American Expeditionary Forces, being in France for thirteen months. He was formerly a first sergeant and is now a captain in the Illinois National Guard and has been aide to General Keehn, commanding general of the state guard. He belongs to the American Legion, to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters, and something of the nature of his recreation is indicated in the fact that he holds membership in the Chicago Yacht Club. His political endorsement has always been given to the democratic party and he was ward committeeman of the forty-fifth ward for eight years. He served as a member of the legislature from the sixth district and was the wet leader of the house during his connection with the general assembly. He ran for congress in the tenth congressional district and was defeated by only seven hundred votes, although the district is overwhelmingly republican and has never been represented by a democrat. The large vote which he polled was proof of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him. He is now serving as county commissioner, having been elected for a four years' term, and is regarded as a most active and dependable member of the board.

JOHN ALBERT CERVENKA

In the spring of 1931 John Albert Cervenka was appointed by Anton J. Cermak, then mayor of Chicago, to the office of city purchasing agent, and under his direction this Chicago department has been put upon a high plane of efficiency. Altogether Mr. Cervenka has been connected with public service in this city for more than twenty years and his course is one which has gained for him the highest commendation, while his activities have been of great public benefit. He has ever closely studied municipal needs and possibilities and with broad vision he has directed his efforts along constantly broadening lines to the benefit of the entire city.

Born in Bohemia, now Czechoslovakia, on the 5th of February, 1870, he is the son of John and Marie (Hohub) Cervenka. His early education was obtained in the grammar schools of his native land, but when he was a lad of twelve years his parents brought their family to the new world, settling in Chicago at a time when the city bore little resemblance to the present modern metropolis. For more than a half century John A. Cervenka has watched the development of Chicago and has taken an active part in furthering its interests in many ways, being at all times on the side of progress and improvement. In 1886 he started out in the business world as a cabinetmaker's apprentice and while working and learning the trade during the day, he attended night school in order to further his own education. This is characteristic of the man, for he has always been a seeker after knowledge and has armed himself with first-hand information on many subjects, especially on those questions which have

had to do with the general welfare. In the year 1899 he entered the restaurant business, which proved the forerunner of the Pilsen Brewing Company, which he organized in 1903 and of which he became president and general manager, his enterprising methods and indefatigable energy resulting in the upbuilding of a business of large proportions.

Mr. Cervenka entered public life in 1910, at which time the democratic party in the interests of harmony selected him as its candidate for clerk of the probate court. He was elected to the office in the fall of that year and his capability and his popularity were such that he was re-elected in 1914, serving for two full terms or eight years. In 1923, when William E. Dever became mayor of Chicago, Mr. Cervenka was elected to the office of city treasurer and again his record was in harmony with the high ideals of official service. In the spring of 1931, following the election of Anton J. Cermak to the mayoralty, he appointed Mr. Cervenka as the city purchasing agent, and under the latter's able management the department has been reorganized materially and a system of fair dealing established. He does not play favorites but makes purchases according to merit in whatever is desired. He has acquired intimate and comprehensive knowledge concerning values and has administered the office in a most efficient manner, improving upon former methods and introducing the high standards which are followed under his guidance.

Mr. Cervenka was united in marriage to Antonie Bolek, who is also a native of Czechoslovakia, and to them have been born two children: Alice, who is now the wife of Harry Rohde, of Chicago; and John A., Jr., who is a graduate of the Chicago-Kent College of Law and is now a practicing attorney of Chicago.

Mr. Cervenka, as a lifelong democrat and an outstanding representative of the people of his nationality in this country, had the distinction of being appointed to represent the United States at Praha, Czechoslovakia, on the occasion of the unveiling of the statue of President Wilson there. As a member of the Chicago planning commission he was the first appointee from Bohemian circles made by Carter H. Harrison. He is a member of the Czechoslovakia National Council of America and is also a member and the president of the Czechoslovakia National Alliance. In a word he is keenly interested in the welfare of his fellow countrymen and cooperates heartily in any movement which tends to benefit the people of his nationality. He is a member of the Bohemian Club and the Bohemian Arts Club and is prominent in Masonic circles, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the consistory, while with the Nobles of Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert. He is likewise an Odd Fellow and the various organizations with which he is identified are proud to number him in their membership. While born across the water, he is thoroughly American in spirit and interests and is an outstanding figure in the progressive upbuilding of city and state.

HON. LEO KOCIALKOWSKI

One of the most conspicuous and highly regarded democrats in the large Polish population of the city of Chicago is the Hon. Leo Kocialkowski, member of the House of Representatives from the Thirty-second Ward, portions of which are in the Congressional Districts Seven and Eight. Congressman Kocialkowski's success in the career of his choosing has been solely due to his own ability, his own individual efforts, courage and perseverance. He has been a most loyal adherent to the principles of the democratic party since his early childhood; he has given of the best within himself to foster those principles, and, in recent years, when he has attained the heights in political affairs, he has been a devoted servant to those people who are his constituents. He is loved by those whom he represents in the highest law-making body of the land and, in no instance, has there ever been justified criticism of his motives or activities. He is liberal to the utmost degree, sympathetic with those who have

met with misfortune and hardship, and, having a keen understanding and appreciation of human nature, he is one well-equipped to combat the difficult situations which confront his people at this time in the country's history. Congressman Kocialkowski received his education in the school of life and experience, and it was a most comprehensive and thorough education, one which has enabled him to discharge the duties assigned to him with rare tact and judgment.

Leo Kocialkowski was born in Chicago, Illinois, on the 16th of August, 1882, and was one of three children born to his parents, the other two having been daughters. His parents died when he was an infant. His father, Michael Kocialkowski, was a native of Poland, while his mother was American born. Her father was the first organizer of the Wisconsin branch of the Polish National Alliance.

Little education in the schools was available to Leo Kocialkowski when he was a young lad, but this did not discourage him. He worked with all the more vigor. When he was only twelve years of age, he sold newspapers on Chicago's north side, and in this stage of his life he first became an adherent of the democratic party, for he passed democratic campaign handbills out on the streets, and in many other ways moulded his future career in politics. He progressed, he made friends, he observed those things about him which were of benefit, and consequently he improved his own status in every particular. He became favorably known in political circles and eventually found employment in the county treasurer's office, where he remained for sixteen years. He was a clerk and was tax appraiser, and he became very proficient in this last-mentioned department. For two years, he was chief deputy bailiff for Albert J. Horan, and he was chief auctioneer in delinquent taxes. Gradually, through the years, he arose in democratic prestige, and in 1928 was a delegate to the national convention in Houston, Texas. In 1930 he was a committeeman in his own ward, the thirty-second, and in the same year he was chosen at the polls for a seat in the United States House of Representatives, a most signal honor to him and one which he has justified in every particular. He was re-elected in 1934 to this dignified position by a large majority.

In his first experience in the house, Congressman Kocialkowski acquitted himself with honor. He did not miss a roll call during the entire session, and was a member of the committees on insular affairs, revision of laws, and public buildings and grounds. He gave especial attention to relief bills which were introduced into the house, and gave his wholehearted support to the president in the Public Works Administration and the Civil Works Administration. The school board loan bill which was presented in Congress, he supported with enthusiasm, and for his efforts in its behalf was given recognition by the National Teachers Association, the National Educational Society, and the Illinois State Teachers Association, all of whom commended him for his work in behalf of this relief legislation. One does not have to look far into the record of this estimable representative of the people to realize that his future is to be one of real accomplishment in the ranks of the democratic party in Illinois, for he represents the most modern and progressive principles which have placed the party in the forefront of American politics.

Congressman Kocialkowski is a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church, belonging to St. Stanislaus parish.

HON. RICHARD P. FARRELL

For twelve years, Richard P. Farrell has rendered valuable service as county judge of Clinton county, Illinois, and for many years he has been considered here as one of the most enthusiastic and willing workers in behalf of democracy. The judge is a native of Clinton county, born September 20, 1870, and is a son of Richard and Mary (Russell) Farrell, both of whom were born in Ireland. They came to the United States in the early '50s and

first made settlement in Ohio, but in 1863 came to Clinton county, Illinois, where the father engaged in farming. He was a democrat of the finest type.

Richard P. Farrell received his education in the rural schools of Clinton county, then went to East St. Louis to work, at the same time taking the opportunity to attend night schools for four years. He afterward returned to Clinton county and farmed until 1906, in which year he was elected sheriff for a four-year term. This completed, he again engaged in farming and livestock raising until 1918, when his election as county treasurer brought him back to public service. He was the incumbent until 1922, when he was elected to his present position, that of county judge. His record on the bench has been marked by impartial conduct of the cases which have been brought before him, and he has used keen intelligence, understanding and fine tolerance in his decisions. His popularity has grown with each year of his tenure in office and his position becomes more secure. He is a democrat who has worked unceasingly for his party and he has attended many state conventions as a delegate, and also county, Congressional and judicial conventions. For several years he served as committeeman in his township, and he is a member of the Jeffersonian Club. He also belongs to the Illinois State County Judges Association.

Judge Farrell was married in 1889 to Miss Rose Stein, a daughter of Anton D. Stein, the latter a native of France who came to Illinois in 1850. Three children have been born to Judge and Mrs. Farrell, namely: Mary, who is the widow of Harry Reed of Carlyle; Richard J., who is in the grocery business in Carlyle; and Ida, who passed away in 1918.

Judge Farrell's religious belief is that of the Roman Catholic Church and he is a devout communicant of St. Mary's parish. He belongs also to the Knights of Columbus.

ALBERT JAMES HORAN

Albert James Horan, chief bailiff of the municipal courts of Chicago, with office on the eighth floor of the City Hall, has been successfully engaged in the real estate and insurance business since 1923. He operated under the firm name of A. J. Horan & Company until 1929, when the partnership was dissolved and he became a member of the firm of Horan & O'Brien. He was born December 12, 1893, in Chicago, Illinois, where he has always lived, and is a son of Jerry and Mary (Nash) Horan. In the acquirement of an education he attended Our Lady of Sorrows grammar school, the St. Philip high school and also the Lewis Institute of Chicago. He first worked as an electrician from 1912 until 1918, in which year he entered the military service of his country in the Air Corps of the American Expeditionary Force. Thereafter he became a salesman in the employ of the Simplex Electric Heating Company, with which he was thus connected from 1920 until 1923. Since the latter year, as above stated, he has devoted his attention to the real estate and insurance business in Chicago, maintaining offices at 134 North LaSalle street, and he has won gratifying and well merited success in this field of activity. Aside from his business affairs Mr. Horan has manifested an enthusiastic interest in civic matters and from 1923 until 1930 represented the twenty-ninth ward of Chicago as alderman. Elected bailiff of the municipal courts on the 4th of November, 1930, he has since discharged the duties devolving upon him in this capacity in a most efficient and highly acceptable manner. He was a delegate from the sixth district to the democratic national convention in Chicago in 1932, and at this writing he is a member of the state housing board.

On the 12th of June, 1923, Mr. Horan was united in marriage to Miss Rose McDermott, of Chicago. He has membership in the American Legion and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is also a popular member of the Butterfield Country Club, the Logan



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Square Athletic Club and the Circle Athletic Club, and he finds pleasurable recreation in golf, baseball and swimming.

MAURICE F. KAVANAGH

An outstanding figure among Chicago's democratic citizens is Maurice F. Kavanagh, who is one of the most successful business men of the city and one who has gained eminent position in political affairs, now being a member of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, which place in the administration he has held since 1922.

Maurice F. Kavanagh was born in Coldwater, Michigan, on September 17, 1868 and is a son of James and Mary (Reynolds) Kavanagh. He received his education in the Chicago public schools, but had no opportunity to enter college, so found his first regular employment in a railway express office. While clerk for the Adams express organization, he was sent to all parts of the country, in which work he gained a vast experience and equipped himself well for his future career. Finally, in 1888, his duties brought him to Chicago and, except for a short period which was spent in New Orleans, Louisiana, he has lived here ever since. Mr. Kavanagh eventually left the express business and started a restaurant and in this work he has made one of the most conspicuous successes in the Chicago business world. He has given rare judgment to the conduct of his work and, having a comprehensive idea of human nature, deserves full credit for his achievement.

Mr. Kavanagh first entered politics in the old Eighteenth Ward and was elected alderman. This was the beginning of a political career to rival his business career. He was elected a member of the Cook county Board of Commissioners and has been an incumbent ever since. His duties in that body have been discharged to the full satisfaction of everyone concerned.

Mr. Kavanagh is a member of the Knights of Columbus and is heartily interested in the cultural affairs of the city, being a life member of the Chicago Art Institute and the Field Museum. In every respect, he is a well-rounded, civic-spirited citizen of Chicago.

HON. BERNARD J. KEWIN

Hon. Bernard J. Kewin, state representative from the fifth senatorial district of Illinois and a well known resident of Chicago, is not only serving as one of the legislators but is also real estate agent for the Forest preserve district of Cook county. He has long exerted a widely felt influence over thought and action in democratic circles and his labors have been a most effective element in winning party successes.

Born in Chicago, July 29, 1886, Mr. Kewin is a son of Anthony and Anna (Murphy) Kewin, who were natives of this city and were here married by the late Father Waldron, the beloved pastor of Old St. John's Church at Eighteenth and Clark streets. The father was associated with the wholesale dry-goods house of John V. Farwell for more than forty-two years. To him and his wife were born six children: Bernard J., Frank, Henry, Veronica, William and Mary.

In the acquirement of his education Bernard J. Kewin attended St. Elizabeth's parochial school and entered public life as a messenger in the city hall in 1905. His attention has since been given to public duties. Later he became a clerk in charge of contagious disease reports and continued in that department until 1920. He was then appointed chief forester's clerk under the reign of Peter Reinberg, president of the county board. In 1925 he was appointed real estate agent for the Forest preserve district, which position he has since filled, making a most creditable record by the prompt, faithful and efficient performance of his duties. In 1932 he was elected state representative from the fifth senatorial district and was again nominated in the April, 1934, primaries a district which is considered overwhelmingly republican but one in which he is

very popular, as is shown by his re-election on November 6, 1934. Mr. Kewin is the secretary and treasurer of the Fourth Ward Regular Democratic Organization. During the fifty-eighth general assembly he was a member of the committees on banks and banking, building and loan associations, charities and corrections, congressional apportionment, education, insurance, judicial apportionment and waterways. His committee work was thorough and the results of his labors were highly satisfactory to his constituents.

On the 25th of June, 1913, Mr. Kewin was united in marriage to Miss Estelle Mangan, daughter of Michael and Mary Mangan, of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Kewin are the parents of a son, Bernard Mangan, born June 24, 1914, who is now a law student at De Paul University of Chicago as a member of the class of 1937. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and Mr. Kewin was formerly high chief ranger of the Catholic Order of Foresters. He has a wide acquaintance in Chicago, where his entire life has been passed and where he has a large circle of warm friends who highly commend his official record.

JOSEPH E. KNIGHT

Joseph E. Knight, senatorial committeeman and assistant state commerce commissioner, makes his home near Dow, in Jersey county. He was born on a farm near Dow where the Knight family still live, his parents being Walter E. and Helen (Reed) Knight, the latter a native of Burden, Kansas. Walter E. Knight was born on the same farm where the birth of his son Joseph occurred and was a son of Joseph Knight, who was born in Alton, Hampshire, England. The grandfather served in Queen Victoria's private regiment under his cousin, Sir Godfrey Knight, and came to America about 1863. He wedded Margaret E. McDow, who was born at Dow, Jersey county, Illinois, a daughter of John and Maria (Wagner) McDow. Her father was a son of John and Margaret (Gillham) McDow and a representative of one of the oldest of the pioneer families of Jersey county, the McDows settling on the farm where Joseph E. Knight and his parents now live on the 3d of August, 1824, since which time the property has been in possession of their descendants. John McDow, the father of Margaret E. (McDow) Knight, died in the gold rush of 1849. Walter E. Knight, the father of Joseph E. Knight, has always followed the occupation of farming, which he carries on extensively in Jersey county. He is also interested in land and investments and he has been a member of the board of supervisors for the past five years. He takes an active interest in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of the community and is a most public-spirited citizen.

Joseph E. Knight attended the Salem district school and afterward entered the Jersey township high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1929. He next matriculated in Illinois College at Jacksonville, where he remained as a student for three years, and he belonged to the Sigma Pi, of which fraternity William Jennings Bryan was also a member. Mr. Knight has always been active in democratic affairs, even before he attained the age of twenty-one, and he was elected senatorial committeeman in April, 1934, by the largest majority given any senatorial committeeman in this district. He has attended the state and national conventions since old enough to vote and has been very active as a campaign speaker in central Illinois. On the 8th of June, 1934, he was appointed assistant state commerce commissioner, with offices in Springfield and Chicago. He makes politics and the interests of the democratic party his chief activity in life. Mr. Knight is a man of fine physique and pleasing personality, genial, courteous and of cordial disposition, and he makes friends wherever he goes.

GEORGE SEIF

George Seif, trustee of the sanitary district of Chicago and a former clerk of the criminal court, was born in Streator, La Salle county, Illinois, November 24, 1874. His education was acquired in the grade and high schools of that

city and he early began to provide for his own support, selling newspapers while attending school. When his textbooks were put aside he became a sub mail carrier in Streator, working in that connection for a year and a half. Through the two succeeding years he was employed as a miner in the zinc mines of Joplin, Missouri, after which he came to Chicago, where he obtained employment in the wholesale grocery house of Sprague, Warner & Company, resigning that position to accept an appointment as assistant fire chief at Streator. His service in that connection continued until 1905, when he resigned as a member of the Streator fire department and again came to Chicago.

Mr. Seif was appointed by the late James H. Eckels, receiver for the Chicago Union Traction Company, to a position in the law department of that company and there he remained for six years, rendering a most valuable service. In 1911 Mayor Carter H. Harrison (II) appointed him chief investigator in the office of the city attorney and in 1915 he received from the late Louis G. Stevenson, secretary of state, an appointment to the position of state examiner of chauffeurs in Chicago, in which capacity he served until 1917. During the World war he was paymaster for a contracting company at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Mr. Seif has always voted with the democratic party and in 1923 was elected alderman of what was then the thirty-fifth but is now the thirty-fourth ward. Reelection continued him in the office for four terms or eight years, during which he gave thoughtful consideration to the important questions which came up for settlement before this body of municipal lawmakers. While in the council he acted as a member of the following committees: finance; local transportation; gas, oil and electric light; railway terminals; and judiciary and special assessments. He was one of the members who fought for six weeks to keep the 1930 appropriations within the estimated revenues. In his aldermanic campaigns he was generally supported by the press, the Municipal Voters League and other civic organizations.

In 1929 Mr. Seif was elected clerk of the criminal court of Cook county and in which connection the Crime Commission in its annual report, issued January 18, 1934, had the following to say: "George Seif, clerk of the criminal court, has conducted that office in a highly efficient manner." Not only his party but the general public has strongly endorsed his official record, which constitutes an important chapter in the annals of Chicago. Mr. Seif was elected to the office of trustee of the sanitary district of Chicago on November 6, 1934 by a large majority.

Mr. Seif is married and resides at 1628 Humboldt boulevard in Chicago. He is a member of Vega Lodge No. 1083, A. F. & A. M.; Northwest Chapter No. 224, R. A. M.; Goethe Lodge No. 8, Knights of Pythias; the German Club of Chicago; the Civil Legion; and the Izaak Walton League of America, the last named indicating something of the nature of his preferred recreation. His outstanding characteristics not only make for good citizenship and efficient public service but also for warm friendships.

WILLIAM J. MCGAH

William J. McGah, who is filling the office of master in chancery and who for a number of years has successfully engaged in the practice of law, winning an enviable position at the Chicago bar, was born in this city on the 19th of January, 1892. His parents, Patrick and Bridget (Lyons) McGah, were both born in Ireland. He pursued his early education in the St. Pius grade school and afterward attended St. Ignatius College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1910. He studied law at Loyola University and he graduated with an LL. B. degree in 1913, and in the same year he was admitted to the Illinois bar. During the time he was studying law, he was an examiner for the Chicago Civil Service Commission and for a time taught Commercial Law and English on the Burr high school of Chicago. He commenced the active practice

of law in 1915 and in 1917 he enlisted for service in the World war, as a private with the Headquarters Company of the Three Hundred and Fifty-sixth Brigade at Camp Jackson, South Carolina. Later he was transferred to Camp Sevier, South Carolina and was promoted to second lieutenant of infantry and was mustered out of service in December, 1918.

Mr. McGah then resumed the practice of law in Chicago and soon gained a liberal clientage whereby he has been connected with much important litigation. He is always loyal to the highest standards of the profession and closely follows its ethics. In December, 1932, he formed a partnership with Elmer J. Whitty, under the firm name of Whitty & McGah, and they maintain offices at 77 West Washington street in general law practice. In December, 1933, Mr. McGah was appointed Master in Chancery by Judge Donald McKinley of the Superior Court and is now filling that position. He is also attorney for the Park Employees Annuity & Benefit Fund. He is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and he enjoys the full confidence and high esteem of his fellow practitioners.

In 1918 Mr. McGah was united in marriage to Katherine Conlin and they are the parents of three sons, Joseph, William J., and Edward, who are twelve, ten and eight years of age, respectively, and are all attending school. Mr. McGah is a Catholic and belongs to Charles Carroll Council of the Knights of Columbus. He also has membership in the Blackhawk Post of the American Legion, the Butterfield Country Club, the Braeburn Golf & Country Club and the Iroquois Club. He resides in Oak Park and has been very active in Democratic circles, both in Oak Park and in Chicago. He has a host of warm friends wherever he is known and as the circle of his acquaintance broadens the number of his friends constantly increases.

HARRY H. MASON

Prominent in the ranks of Illinois Democracy is Harry H. Mason, of Sangamon county, who was elected as a representative in Congress on November 6, 1934. He has been active in the democratic party for almost a third of a century, has wielded a very wide influence as a party worker, as county treasurer, and as a journalist—an influence that has always been on the side of progress and constructive effort. Mr. Mason has convincingly proved his worth in public office and his victory at the polls in November, 1934 was well-merited, also was indicative of the confidence reposed in him by the citizens of his Twenty-first Congressional District, which is composed of the counties of Sangamon, Christian, Macoupin and Montgomery.

Harry H. Mason was born in McLean county, Illinois, December 16, 1873, and is a son of James A. and Lovenia F. (McCollister) Mason, natives of Massachusetts and Ohio respectively. When Mr. Mason was a small lad, his parents moved to Tazewell county, Illinois, where he grew to manhood in the city of Delavan. James A. Mason became prominent in that county as a grain buyer and farmer, and was very active in democratic circles. For a half century he was a leader in political affairs there, and filled various township and school offices, also was deputy sheriff.

In the public schools of Tazewell county Harry H. Mason received his education, and as a young man became interested in newspaper work. For more than eleven years he was associated with the Delavan Advertiser, his experience there having been in both the editorial and mechanical departments. In 1903, backed by his thorough training and experience, he bought the Pawnee Herald, which he edited and published with outstanding success until he entered public life. He then relinquished the management of the paper to other hands, although he still retains the ownership. The Herald is conducted as an independent newspaper. For a long period, Mr. Mason has been an active member of the Central Illinois Press Association and for eight years was president.

Since he was eighteen years of age Mr. Mason has been active in the demo-



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eratic party. He has represented his precinct on the Sangamon County Democratic Central Committee since 1912 and was secretary of the same from 1932 until 1934. For thirty-one years he has attended every state convention of his party as a delegate, and has also been a delegate to district conventions. In 1932, the Hon. J. Earl Major, democratic Congressman, appointed Mr. Mason as his private secretary, which position he filled until Congressman Major resigned to become judge of the United States Court for the Southern District of Illinois. In this capacity he attained considerable experience in Congress, having attended all of the sessions of the Seventy-second Congress. Much actual Congressional work came to him, such as handling claims and other matters for the citizens of his district. One of the chief tasks which he had was assisting World war veterans, also veterans of other wars, with the many details in connection with the clearing up of their pension and compensation applications. In his campaign for the seat in Congress, Mr. Mason outlined definitely the methods by which he intends to aid the veteran in Congress, methods which he has evolved through his long and thorough experience in taking care of such cases in Washington.

Soon after he ceased being secretary to Congressman Major, Mr. Mason was selected by the Sangamon County Board of Supervisors to fill the position of county treasurer, a vacancy having been caused in this office by the death of Charles L. Koehn. In this responsible position, Mr. Mason made many improvements in the business methods of this branch of the county government. Principal among them was his extension of time to the taxpayers of the county, which meant no additional expense, but which brought in over three hundred thousand dollars in 1933 than would have been received otherwise. Ninety-four and seven-tenths percent of the taxes were collected in that year, a record reflecting most creditably on Mr. Mason's conduct of the office business. The county, in this respect, ranked first among the one hundred and two counties of the state, and the record is particularly good when one considers it was made during the time of intense financial stress in the county, state and nation. During the winter months of 1933-34, the democratic leaders cast about for the proper man to nominate for Congress from the Twenty-first District. Mr. Mason's proved ability in public office and his experience were just two of the factors which brought victory to him at the primary polls and on April 10, 1934 his majority over his three opponents was very substantial. Then, on November 6, 1934, he was again victorious over his republican opponent. Mr. Mason is an ardent believer in the Roosevelt policies of government and joins those members of Congress who are faithful to the administration. In unity there is strength, is the motto in which he abides.

On August 17, 1912 occurred the marriage of Harry H. Mason and Miss Mabel Penmoyer of Springfield, and they now maintain their home in Pawnee. Like her husband, Mrs. Mason is a staunch democrat and is a member of the Sangamon County Women's Democratic Club. In Red Cross work she has also taken a leading part, and in various women's clubs and church societies she has been a foremost figure. She is one of those loyal women of Illinois who have done so much in their zeal for the success of democracy, and who have helped immeasurably in the success of the party during the last two years.

Mr. Mason is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He has been for about fifteen years an ordained ruling elder, while in 1922 he represented Springfield Presbytery as commissioner to the general assembly, an international conclave held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mrs. Mason is affiliated with the Episcopal Church. For four years, Mr. Mason was president of the board of education in Pawnee, and everything that has to do with the civic welfare or substantial advancement of the community finds in him a supporter. He was one of the organizers of the Roosevelt-Horner Club in Sangamon county, and he holds membership in the Springfield Optimist Club and the 1873 Club of Springfield. His allegiance to any cause which he espouses is never questioned.

and his party has indicated its faith in his ability and fidelity by sending him to the national Congress of the United States.

RALPH W. O'FARRELL

Ralph W. O'Farrell has made valuable contribution to the work of democracy in Illinois. It was he who formed the Young Democrats organization in the state and secured its charter, becoming the first state chairman, an office which he still holds. Making his home in Chicago, he is a member of the regular democratic organization of the forty-fourth ward.

Mr. O'Farrell was born in Quincy, Illinois, January 16, 1905, his parents being William and Bertha O'Farrell, both of whom were also natives of this state. The father was active in Quincy as a precinct captain and as judge of elections and always voted the democratic ticket. He died in Quincy in October, 1928, and his widow still makes her home in that city.

Ralph W. O'Farrell attended the Irving public school of Quincy, St Peter's parochial school and the Quincy high school and thus provided the foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional knowledge. He matriculated at the University of Illinois as a law student of the class of 1929 and won his LL. B. degree. While in the university he was very active in school politics. He was admitted to the bar on the 13th of February, 1930, and has since engaged in law practice, in which he has made continuous and gratifying progress. He was formerly associated with the Chicago law firm of Kirk, Fleming, Graham & Martin and is now a member of the equally well known and prominent law firm of Weinberg, Kjellander, O'Farrell & Ames, maintaining offices at 30 North LaSalle street in Chicago.

Mr. O'Farrell is a Catholic in his religious connection. His political allegiance has been given to the democratic party since he became a voter and he it was who formulated and executed the plan which resulted in the establishment of the Young Democrats organization of Illinois, of which he was made the first state chairman, a position which he still fills. He is also president of the Young Democrats Clubs of Cook County and is an active member of the regular democratic organization of the forty-fourth ward. The state organization has a membership of two hundred and fifty thousand and all credit is due Mr. O'Farrell, who has worked hard and long and whose labors have been most effective. The state society is a member of the national organization called the Young Democrats Clubs of America, of which James Roosevelt, the son of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, is the secretary.

WALTER F. PANKA

Walter F. Panka, assistant chief deputy clerk of the municipal court in Chicago, is of European birth but was brought by his parents to the United States when about two years of age. He has since lived in Chicago and is thoroughly identified with the interests of the city, having participated in many projects for the general good. He was educated in the parochial and high schools of Chicago and in St. Cyril's College, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1910. The same year he received the degree of Bachelor of Law from the Chicago-Kent College of Law and was admitted to the bar. He then became associated with Sidney S. Gorham, an attorney, who was the father of the Illinois state automobile law, and with Amos Miller, a well known attorney of Chicago, who was a partner in the firm. From 1914 until 1920 he served as clerk under Julius Smietanka, then collector of internal revenue. Chicago experienced a land boom in 1921, at which time Mr. Panka entered the real estate business as an authority on real estate law. He lived in the twelfth ward and in 1930 he became secretary to Frank Zintak, with whom he acted as contact man, buffer and publicity writer, having charge of the Polish-American democratic headquarters of Cook county during the presiden-

tial election of 1932. When Mr. Zintak became clerk of the supreme court, Mr. Panka continued as his aid and lieutenant. In February, 1934, Mr. Panka became assistant chief deputy under Joseph Gill, clerk of the municipal court, and in this connection he has charge of all criminal records and heads the criminal department. He is one of the best known workers among the Polish democrats of Chicago and wields a wide influence among those of Polish birth or lineage.

Mr. Panka was married to Miss Mae C. Zamorski, of Chicago, whose father was one of the early settlers here, having come to this city in his childhood, as did her mother. Mr. and Mrs. Panka are of the Catholic faith and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He also has membership in the Iroquois Club, perhaps the most outstanding democratic social organization of the city, and his name is on the membership rolls of the Chicago Society, the Polish Alma Mater and the Polish Falcons. He is national chairman of the Polish Singers Alliance of America, with a chorus of seventeen hundred, which participated in entertaining the thousands and thousands of spectators who were present at Soldiers Field on the lake front. Mr. Panka has always been a student of history and possesses a library of fourteen hundred volumes. Moreover, he is the author of the chapter in "Illinois Democracy" that gives the history of the Polish-American democrats of Chicago. His scholarly attainments are well known. He has delved deep into many fields of learning and his knowledge is comprehensive and exact. He is yet a young man and all who know him predict for him a brilliant future, knowing his talents, his ambition and his effective methods in the accomplishment of everything which he undertakes.

JAMES W. RYAN

James W. Ryan, who has made valuable contribution to the history of democracy in Illinois by his efficient work for the party, is now chief deputy in the office of the county clerk of Cook county. Born in Chicago on the 28th of March, 1884, he is one of a family of ten children whose parents were natives of Ireland. He acquired a public and parochial school education and started out in official circles as a clerk under Robert M. Sweitzer, who is still his chief. He thus entered the county clerk's office in December, 1910, and has here continued, acting in various capacities and winning successive promotions until 1921, when he was made chief deputy in the office of the county clerk. He has since filled the position and his record is an unassailable one, having been characterized by the utmost loyalty to duty and the faithful performance of every task required of him.

While thus connected with the local official service, he has also held other office, having been elected a state representative from the thirteenth district in 1914. Again his commendable record in office led to his re-election and he served for four consecutive terms or through 1921, leaving the impress of his individuality upon various important legislative measures. He introduced the original bill for Calumet Harbor and secured its passage through the fifty-second general assembly. This was his own measure, and had its conditions been carried out, it would have made the Calumet district the greatest manufacturing and shipping district of the midwest, but his vision and foresight were fifty years in advance of the times. Beginning in 1921, he has continuously served as committeeman of the seventh ward, and during the election of 1932 the ward under his leadership cast twenty-seven thousand democratic votes against about fifteen thousand republican votes. This was a tremendous democratic gain, and today the seventh is in the democratic column, attributable in large measure to Mr. Ryan's powers of organization and intelligent control.

In 1917 Mr. Ryan was united in marriage to Miss Helen Lavelle, of Chicago, and they are the parents of three daughters: Mary Helen and Virginia, both students at St. Xavier Academy; and Patricia, who is a grade pupil in a parochial school. The family home is at 7233 Paxton avenue, Chicago. Mr. Ryan

belongs to the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum and the Eagles, and he has membership in the South Shore Country Club. He finds his recreation largely in fishing and he is popular among men who recognize his strong, manly qualities and appreciate his sterling worth.

ALLEN THURMAN LUCAS

Allen Thurman Lucas, Sr., an outstanding figure in Chandlerville and in fact widely known in his section of the state as an attorney, author, lecturer and political leader, was born January 19, 1879, on a farm near the town in which he still resides, his parents being William and Sarah C. (Underbrink) Lucas, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Ohio. They became early settlers of Cass county, Illinois, where the father followed farming. William Lucas served as justice of the peace, as township assessor, as mayor, and member of the Board of Education of Bath, Illinois, for many years, and was always an active democrat. The ancestors of Allen T. Lucas on both sides were military men, the families being represented in the War of 1812, the Mexican war and the Civil war.

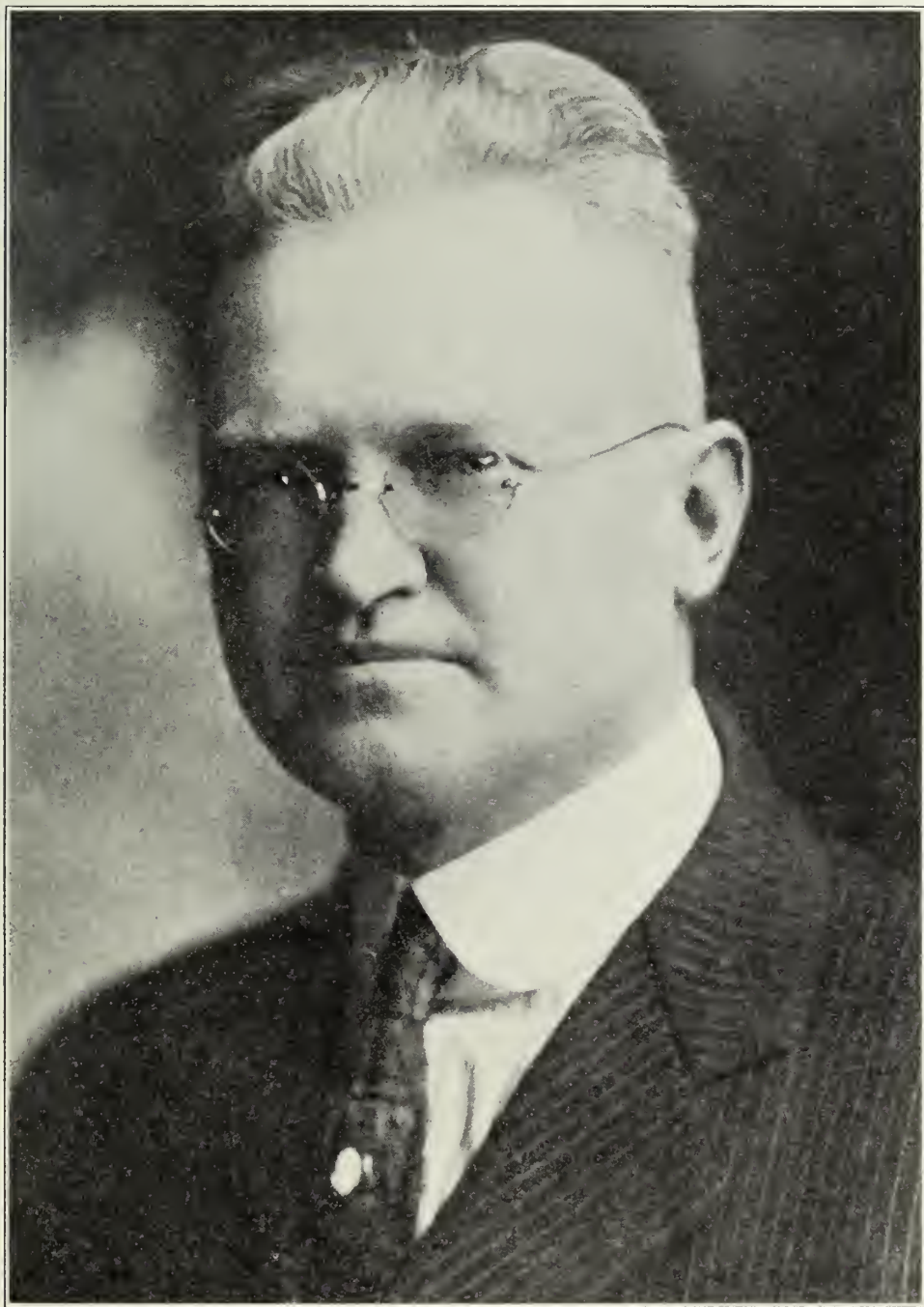
Allen T. Lucas attended the country schools of Cass county, the Jacksonville high school, Illinois College, the University of Illinois and the law department of Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, being graduated from the last named in 1906 with the degree of LL. B. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Virginia, Illinois, but later removed to Chandlerville, where he has since resided, and as the years have passed he has been accorded a large and growing clientele that has connected him with much important litigation heard in the courts of the district, and he is now one of the outstanding criminal lawyers of central Illinois. In 1908 he became state's attorney of Cass county and filled that office with distinction until 1916. In 1928 he became master in chancery, which position he continues to hold at the present time. He is also largely interested in farm lands in the Sangamon valley of Cass county and the immediate vicinity of Chandlerville.

On the 5th of June, 1905, Mr. Lucas was married to Josephine Sarff, of Mason county, Illinois, and they have two children: Mrs. Fay Robertine Harper, of Dayton, Ohio; and Allen Thurman, Jr., attending the Chandlerville high school.

Mr. Lucas was formerly affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America and is now identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His religious faith is that of the Christian Church. In politics he has always been an active democrat and has served on various party committees. At the present writing he is mayor of Chandlerville, which office he has filled for several years, and he manifests a keen and helpful interest in everything pertaining to civic progress and advancement.

He was unanimously chosen chairman of the judicial convention which met in Quincy, Illinois, April 8, 1933, and in the last campaign he held several public debates on the farm question with men of national reputation, including Ex-Governor Harding of Iowa. His interest in debate has covered an extended period. When a freshman at the University of Illinois in 1904, he was a member of the team that debated against Indiana University, and was the only freshman at that time who had ever made the debating team of the University of Illinois. The question on that occasion was: "Resolved That the Changes in the Constitution of the Southern States, since 1889, by which the Negro Vote in such States has been Restricted are on the Whole to be Commended." Mr. Lucas opened and closed for the negative, and the debate was won by Illinois.

Mr. Lucas is frequently heard upon many questions of vital interest affecting the public. His reading and study have covered a wide and comprehensive



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field and he speaks with authority upon many important questions and problems. He is the historian of the Lincoln National Memorial Highway Association, of which he was one of the organizers, and for which he wrote a prospectus of more than one hundred pages. He is now chairman of the routing committee and chairman of the legislative committee of said association. He frequently lectures on the life of Lincoln, having prepared four such lectures which are copyrighted. He is also the author of a book of poems entitled "Lays of a Country Lawyer," and he wrote the play in drama form "Lincoln's Defense of Duff Armstrong," becoming director of this play, in which he has taken the part of "Fullerton" the prosecuting attorney. There is a cast of thirty-three characters made up of local people, and under his direction the play has been widely presented throughout the central west with great success. Mr. Lucas is the owner and proprietor of Panther Hills Resort and Stock Farm, between Chandlerville and Virginia. His interests and activities are indeed wide and varied, having touched many fields of usefulness, while at the same time he has contributed much to the intellectual and cultural development of his community.

CHESTER W. KUBACKI

Chester W. Kubacki, chief clerk in the office of county recorder of Cook county, is a native of Poland, whence he was brought to the United States in March, 1898, by his parents, who settled in Chicago. Here he attended the public schools and also Watson's Business College, and he obtained his first commercial job with Armour & Company, working in the yards for six months. He then entered the employ of the Pullman Company at Pullman, Illinois, serving as a clerk in the cabinet, wood mill and paint departments. He acted as timekeeper and bought all materials for these three departments, his position being one of large responsibility, as he had supervision over seven hundred men. After seven months he requested permission to enter the car shops in order to learn the practical side of car manufacturing. He worked in every line of manufacturing in the shops up to the time he reached the age of twenty-one years. It was about then that the United States entered the World war and he enlisted in the Third Division of the United States Regulars, becoming a member of the Seventy-sixth Field Artillery, with which he participated in six major operations in France. Patrick J. Hurley, afterward secretary of war under President Hoover, was a second lieutenant in his company and they still cherish and delight to recall their experiences. Mr. Kubacki was mustered out in September, 1919.

His public activities cover the period dating from 1922, in which year a new department was created in Chicago now known as the license investigation department. As a clerk in the city collector's office he supervised the system of files and accounting for the new department. In 1924 Mr. Kubacki was a candidate for the state legislature in the thirteenth senatorial district and polled more than thirteen thousand, five hundred votes, but it was a year of republican victories. It was also in that year that he entered the real estate business, in which he continued actively until 1928. In the latter year he was associated with M. S. Szymczak, then the superintendent of the Forest Preserve district. Later he received an appointment as chief clerk in the City Garage and subsequently was advanced to the position of minute clerk in the superior court, where he continued until December 15, 1932. The following day he was appointed chief clerk under Clayton F. Smith, county recorder of Cook county, and in this position yet continues. It will thus be seen that his record is one of consecutive promotions and advancement, as he has displayed thorough qualifications for the offices that he has filled and has therefore been called to higher levels of political service. Mr. Kubacki has been captain of the fifty-fifth precinct of the ninth ward, which is one of the four best precincts in Chicago and which in the April primary of 1934 showed a vote of four hundred

and twenty-six democrats and twenty-three republicans. Since 1925 he has been president of the Polish-American Democratic Club and is a great favorite with his people.

Mr. Kubaeki is married and has two children, Virginia and Chester, Jr., aged respectively twelve and eleven years. In religious belief he is a Catholic. He loves all outdoor sports such as serve to build up health and strength in the youth of America and is much interested particularly in baseball and football. A young man of ability, combined with energy and determination, there is no doubt as to the future before him.

HON. JOHN MARTIN BOLTON

For three successive terms Hon. John Martin Bolton has been elected to the state legislature from the second senatorial district and he has the distinction of being one of the youngest members of the general assembly. That he has shown marked ability and fitness for the office is manifest in the fact that he has been elected on three different occasions.

Born in Chicago, October 26, 1907, John M. Bolton is a son of Michael and Nellie (Mahoney) Bolton, both of whom are natives of Ireland. The father, who was born February 29, 1845, has now reached the venerable age of eighty-nine years. The family has always given stalwart support to the democratic party and Michael Bolton was for fifty-three years employed as a steamfitter by Cook county but is now living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

John M. Bolton attended the public schools of Chicago and afterward became a pupil in St. Patrick's Commercial Academy of this city, being graduated therefrom with the class of 1926. After leaving school he served as a clerk in the offices of Logan & Bryan, well known Board of Trade firm, for two years. He then engaged in the florist business for four years, since which time he has given his attention to his official duties.

On the 11th of July, 1928, in Chicago, Mr. Bolton was united in marriage to Marie Fanelli. They are members of the Catholic Church. Since casting his first presidential vote Mr. Bolton has never wavered in his allegiance to the democratic party and is a member of the regular democratic organization of the twenty-seventh ward. He served as precinct captain of the eighth precinct in the twenty-sixth ward, and in 1930 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature, where he made a record for efficiency that led to his reelection in 1932, and in 1934 the second senatorial district for the third time chose him to act in the general assembly. He is a very young legislator, being now but twenty-seven years of age, and starting upon his third term he shows much promise of going far. Those who know him do not hesitate to prophesy for him steady progress and a successful future. His name is associated with much important legislation enacted during the last three terms of the general assembly and he staunchly adheres to all party measures.

SIDNEY T. HOLZMAN

It is said that every man has a hobby, and in the case of Sidney T. Holzman it is well known that his hobby is hard work in connection with the discharge of the duties of his position as secretary to Judge Edmund K. Jarecki. Loyalty has ever been one of his outstanding characteristics and he has never feared that close application which enables industry to conquer all difficulties and obstacles in its path.

He was born in Chicago, December 23, 1898, a son of Louis and Nettie (Pollock) Holzman. The father came to Illinois in 1870, and in the grammar schools of Chicago his son Sidney pursued his education, supplemented by two years of study in high school. He started out in the business world as an employe of the Continental Commercial National Bank of Chicago in 1914, when a youth of about sixteen years, and was there employed until 1922, with the

exception of a period of three years devoted to military service, from 1917 until 1920, as a member of the machine gun company of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Infantry. He was in France from the 16th of April, 1918, until the 16th of April, 1919, and his military record is indicated by the fact that he is the possessor of a Distinguished Service Cross presented to him by General John J. Pershing.

On leaving the bank in 1922, Mr. Holzman became a clerk of the board of election commissioners and did systematic and efficient service in that capacity until appointed secretary to Judge Jarecki in 1928. He has since filled this position, covering a period of six years, and he is in full sympathy with the high standards and ideals of service for which his superior has ever stood. His duties in this position are his first consideration and his close application, intelligently directed has brought far-reaching and beneficial results.

In 1925 Mr. Holzman was united in marriage to Agnes Katherine Furlong, of Chicago, and they are the parents of two children, James Chester and Mary Lou Cavell.

Mr. Holzman is prominent among those who have seen military service. He belongs to the American Legion, is a past post commander and has served as state officer. He likewise has membership in La Societe Des Quarante Hommes Et Huit Chevaux, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American War Veterans, the Combat Medal Men's Association, of which he is a past president, the Thirty-third Division War Veterans Association and the United States Infantry Association. He likewise belongs to the Post Commanders Club of the American Legion. In politics he has always been a democrat and is a member of the Eighth Ward Organization. In civic as in military life he has held to high standards of citizenship and his unfaltering allegiance to his honest convictions is one of the salient forces of his character.

AUGUST G. URBANSKI

During the course of many years one of the most consistent and loyal supporters of the democratic party in Chicago has been Judge August G. Urbanski, who now holds the position of assistant probate judge of Cook county. He has been active in a number of political organizations, and is now a member of the Thirty-fourth Ward Democratic Committee.

August G. Urbanski is a native son of Chicago, his birth having occurred in this city on August 15, 1883, and he is a son of Otto and Mary (John) Urbanski. The father was born in southern Illinois and met his death by accident over fifty years ago, when August G. was a small child. The mother, who was born in Poland, was brought to the United States by her parents when she was seven years of age, and is yet living.

Judge Urbanski attended the public schools of Chicago and received his legal education at the John Marshall Law School in this same city. He was a student in this institution from 1906 until 1909 and received his Bachelor of Laws degree in the latter year. He was admitted to the bar in 1912. During his school course, the judge was employed. He worked in the office of the Cook county sheriff, Tom Barrett, and in 1906 was drafted by Thomas M. Hunter, bailiff of the Municipal Court as return clerk. He perfected a system of conducting the detailed work of this office which has been used since his incumbency and is a most efficient idea. From 1909 until 1912, Judge Urbanski was manager of the real estate department of the Northwestern Trust and Savings Bank, and in this work acquired much experience and training which has been of inestimable value to him in subsequent years. In 1912, he took up actual practice of law, and made a specialty of chancery, real estate and probate litigation, phases of the law in which he is now generally considered an authority. Judge Urbanski was a candidate for the municipal court in 1932, but was not elected, then in January, 1933, he was appointed to his present position, assistant probate judge, in which

responsible post he has given the utmost satisfaction to all concerned. He is a member of the American, the Illinois State, and the Chicago bar associations.

On the 8th of June, 1910, Judge Urbanski was united in marriage to Miss Helen J. Jenderzek of Chicago, and they have become the parents of four children, namely: August G., Jr.; Beatrice; Loretta; and Gladianna. The family residence is situated at 2556 Kedzie Boulevard.

During the World war period, the judge was a member of the Red Cross and was an active participant in all local drives and movements for the cause. He belongs to the Logan Square Athletic Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Knights of Columbus. Fishing is his favorite diversion, and he is a member of the Izaak Walton League.

W. EMERY LANCASTER

W. Emery Lancaster, attorney at law in Quincy and chairman of the Illinois State Civil Service Commission, was born in Adams county, June 17, 1876, his parents being William and Isabelle (Prather) Lancaster, who were also natives of Adams county, Illinois. The father, who was born in 1833, was a farmer of Houston township, Adams county, and was well known as a staunch supporter of the democratic party. Both he and his wife have passed away.

W. Emery Lancaster attended the rural schools of his native county and the high schools of La Prairie and Golden, Illinois. He also spent a year as a student in the Western Normal School at Bushnell and for four years studied in Knox College at Galesburg, winning his Bachelor of Science degree at his graduation in 1899. He then spent three years in the University of Michigan, receiving the LL. B. degree in 1902 on completing the regular law course. Admitted to the Illinois bar, he began practice in Quincy in 1903 and has since followed his profession in this city. He has made steady progress through his splendid work in the courts and the thoroughness and care with which he prepares his cases constitutes a basic foundation for his success. He was the defender of Ray Pfanschmidt, who was charged with the murder of four people. On first trial the accused man was found guilty and appealed to the supreme court, which reversed the decision. A change of venue was taken to Macomb, where he was acquitted. Brought to trial on another count, he was again found guilty and the supreme court again reversed the decision. This time a change of venue was taken to Princeton, Illinois, where he was acquitted. This case won wide comment, as it was the first case in Illinois where bloodhound testimony was refused admission. Aside from his professional activities Mr. Lancaster is identified with business interests as vice president and director of the Illinois Stock Medicine Company, a director of the Lincoln Douglas Hotel of Quincy and a director of the Halbach & Schroeder Company. In fact he is closely connected with many public interests and is now president of the Quincy Memorial Bridge, while since the organization was formed to promote the bridge he has served as a director. He was the originator of the plan thus to span the river and worked upon the project for five years to get it started. Whatever tends to promote the public welfare receives his endorsement and support and his humanitarian spirit is indicated in the fact that he is a member of the board of the Woodland Home and also of the board of the Blessing Hospital.

On the 20th of October, 1906, Mr. Lancaster was united in marriage to Miss Edith Halbach and they are the parents of a daughter, Virginia, who is the wife of R. L. Pierson, of Quincy, Illinois. There are also two grandchildren: Emery Lancaster Pierson, aged four, and Diana, two years of age.

The social nature of Mr. Lancaster finds expression in his membership in the Quincy Country Club, of which he was formerly president, and he is likewise a past president of the Quincy Rotary Club. He is also a past president of the Chamber of Commerce of Quincy and was formerly a member of the executive committee. He is president and a director of the Radio Station WTAD of the Illinois Broadcasting Company. His political activity has covered a



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wide scope. He served for many years on the Adams county committee and was its chairman for two terms. He was the democratic nominee for congress at one time but was defeated in the general election. He has attended five of the national conventions of the democratic party, having been a delegate to New York in 1924, to Houston in 1928 and to Chicago in 1932. He was also a visitor to the Denver convention of 1908 and to the St. Louis convention of 1916. In March, 1933, he was appointed chairman of the Illinois State Civil Service Commission by Governor Horner and is now acting in that capacity. He is a man of pleasing personality, of marked alertness and enterprise and of broad vision, and he labors along lines productive of results, whether in the professional, the business or the political field.

THOMAS JAMES LYNCH

Thomas James Lynch, of Chicago, has for thirteen years served as judge of the circuit court and his name finds prominent place in the judicial history of Illinois. Since entering upon the active practice of law his progress has been continuous and he is today accounted one of the foremost members of the Cook county bar. Born in Chicago on the 22d of July, 1879, he is a son of Martin and Winifred (McGinty) Lynch, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The year 1865 witnessed the arrival of Martin Lynch in the United States, and traveling westward across the country, he settled in Chicago, where he served in the customs house under appointment of President Cleveland. He was a lifelong democrat and gave unfaltering allegiance to the party and its principles. He and his wife became parents of four children, all born in Chicago.

Thomas J. Lynch acquired his education in his native city, attending St. Ignatius College, in which he pursued the high school course as a member of the class of 1900. Having determined to engage in the practice of law as a life work, he entered the Chicago Law School with the class of 1905 and at his graduation received the LL. B. degree, being admitted to the bar the same year. He at once entered upon the general practice of law, which he followed independently for sixteen years, advancing step by step as he gave tangible proof of his ability to cope with the intricate and involved problems that came before the courts. Recognition of his powers as an attorney and indication of his fairness and impartiality led to his election to the circuit court bench of Cook county in 1921 and through the intervening period to the present time he has served as a judge of this court. He acted as chief justice of the criminal court in 1926 and his entire judicial record is one which reflects credit upon the history of the bench and bar of Illinois.

Politically Judge Lynch has been a lifelong democrat since casting his first vote. He served as precinct captain of No. 8 precinct from 1902 until 1918 and was always an active party worker until called to the judicial service. The thirtieth ward of Chicago four times elected him to the city council, of which he was a member from 1914 until 1921, and while serving in that connection he acted as chairman of the gas, oil and electric light committee and also on the police, fire, schools and civil service committees. He did important work in shaping municipal affairs while a member of the council. In 1919 he became ward committeeman of the thirtieth ward and so continued until 1923. He has attended all of the state conventions of the democratic party since 1902 and the national convention held in Chicago in 1932, being also sent as a delegate to the democratic national convention in St. Louis in 1916.

On the 30th of June, 1920, Judge Lynch was married to Miss Genevieve McGrath, a daughter of Maurice McGrath, who was a grocer of Chicago, where he established business in 1893. Judge Lynch is a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus and a communicant of St. Mel's Catholic Church of Chicago. He became one of the organizers and charter members of Garfield Aerie No. 1113 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which he is now past worthy president, having served for two terms as chief presiding officer. He

also belongs to the Order of Foresters, of which he was chief ranger from 1902 until 1908. He is a member of the Butterfield Country Club and of the City Club and finds expression for his social nature in the contacts of these organizations.

HOMER JACKSON BYRD

Homer Jackson Byrd, county commissioner of Cook county, has received the endorsement of his party in a second nomination for the office which he fills. His life story is an interesting one by reason of the progressive spirit which he has always manifested and the valuable work which he has accomplished in the educational as well as the political field. Mr. Byrd was born in Bluffton, Indiana, January 23, 1898, a son of Andrew Jackson and Jane (Bowman) Byrd. After attending the Bluffton high school he continued his education in the Marion Normal Institute, the Indiana State Normal School at Muncie and the Chicago-Kent College of Law. He has devoted much of his life to educational work, serving as a teacher and afterward as principal and then as assistant county superintendent of schools for Cook county. He has also had business interests as a dairyman and as an aeroplane manufacturer, and he is not unknown in the field of authorship, having prepared and published several educational works.

Mr. Byrd makes his home at Arlington Heights, where he was elected and for two terms served as magistrate. He was also elected village trustee and occupied the office for one term. In 1930 he was nominated on the democratic ticket for county commissioner of Cook county and was elected, so that he has been the incumbent in the office for about four years, being renominated in 1934. He has never wavered in his allegiance to the democratic party and in December, 1933, was elected president of the Illinois Young People's Democratic Clubs, a position which he ably fills, as he displays much wisdom in directing the activities of this statewide organization.

On the 4th of June, 1933, Mr. Byrd was married to Leonora Grethe, and they reside at 301 Belmont avenue, Arlington Heights. Mr. Byrd is a member of the Phi Alpha law fraternity, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Masonic fraternity and Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member and past president of the Lions Club of Arlington Heights and is a pilot and a member of aviation clubs, finding his chief recreation in flying. It is characteristic of Mr. Byrd that he never stops short of the successful accomplishment of his purpose and that determination and energy carry him steadily forward. His life has been one of usefulness and no one needs hesitate to prophesy success for him in the future, no matter into what field he may direct his efforts.

JAMES H. MURPHY

James H. Murphy, attorney at law of Carlinville and chairman of the democratic central committee of Macoupin county, was born April 12, 1877, at Carlinville, Illinois, a son of Phillip Murphy, and Anna (McCabe) Murphy. He graduated from the Carlinville high school in 1896, taught school in Macoupin county for five years and afterward read law in the office of David E. Keefe, county judge at Carlinville, being admitted to the bar in 1902. He has continuously engaged in the practice of law since that date, maintaining offices at Virden, Illinois, where he resides, and at Carlinville. He is also president of The Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Virden, Illinois, of which he has been a director for fifteen years, and vice president of The Virden Grain Company, and displays excellent qualifications along those lines as well as in his profession.

On the 14th of August, 1907, at Alton, Illinois, Mr. Murphy was united in marriage to Mary Florence Moffitt and they are the parents of two children, Lucile J. and James P.

Mr. Murphy is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Macoupin County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association. He belongs to St. Catherine's Catho-

lie Church at Virden, Illinois, and has been a trustee of that church for more than twenty years. He has always been a supporter of the democratic party and was a member of the Macoupin county democratic central committee for ten years, representing District No. 3 of Virden, and has been its chairman since April, 1934. He has served as a member of the executive committee of the party for ten years. He was a delegate from the twenty-first congressional district of Illinois to the national democratic convention at Houston, Texas, in 1928, has been a delegate to all state and judicial conventions for the past fifteen or twenty years and has taken part in every campaign for the past thirty-five years. Mr. Murphy has served as city attorney of Virden, Illinois, from 1905 to the present time, was state's attorney of Macoupin county from 1908 to 1916 and master in chancery of Macoupin county from 1930 to 1932. He has been a trustee of the Virden Public Library for the past six years and has been a member of the board of education of the grade schools at Virden for the past seven years.

JOSEPH H. DONAHUE

Joseph H. Donahue, representing the sixth legislative district in the general assembly, is also prominent in the public life of Chicago as democratic committeeman of the forty-seventh ward and as purchasing agent for the Chicago board of education. He was born in Chicago in 1879, a son of Daniel and Mary (Ellis) Donahue. The father came to this city from Providence, Rhode Island, while the mother was a native of Ireland.

Joseph H. Donahue pursued his education in the Christian Brothers school and in St. Patrick's Commercial Academy. When his textbooks were put aside he entered the commercial field and for ten years was sales manager for the mercantile house of J. Friedman & Company. He was afterward called to public office and for five years was chief clerk in the return department of the bailiff of the municipal court of Chicago. From 1924 until 1931 he served as assistant secretary and chief examiner for the Cook County Civil Service Commission. Mr. Donahue has been a lifelong democrat, is the recognized leader of his party in the forty-seventh ward and is one of the democrats of Cook county who have always been in the van in relation to public betterment, his support being always counted upon to further every measure and movement for the general good. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Catholic Order of Foresters. Heavy responsibilities rest upon him as purchasing agent for the board of education of Chicago, nor does he lightly regard his duties as a state representative, having been sent from the sixth district to the legislative halls of Illinois.

MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR

Michael J. O'Connor, who is now serving as deputy comptroller of Cook county, Illinois, has for over thirty-two years been active in political affairs and has been a tower of strength in the democratic party. He is widely known as one of the most loyal adherents of Illinois Democracy, and has always given his best effort in those positions he has occupied. He has been a member of numerous democratic committees.

Mr. O'Connor is a native of the city of Chicago, in which city his birth occurred January 24, 1871. His father, Patrick O'Connor, was born in County Wexford, Ireland, and with his parents came to the United States when very young. Patrick O'Connor died when M. J. O'Connor was only five years old. The latter's mother, Mary (Harper) O'Connor, was born in County Wexford, Ireland, and was brought to Chicago when she was two years of age. Her death occurred fifteen years ago, when she had attained her seventy-fifth year.

Michael J. O'Connor received his early education in the parochial schools of Chicago, but when only twelve years old found employment with Armour & Company. Later he was in business for himself and, finally thirty-five years ago, took his first political position, which was in the office of Thomas Barrett, sheriff of Cook county. Twenty-four years ago, he first entered the office of

County Clerk Sweitzer, and in this important political work he has since been associated, now holding the official titles of deputy comptroller and clerk of the board of commissioners of Cook county. When he was thirty-two years old, Mr. O'Connor was a committeeman of the old thirty-second ward, which is now the seventeenth, and he is now chairman of the executive committee in this same political division. He was a protege of that outstanding democrat of this generation, George E. Brennan, and learned many things about party service from that wonderful leader.

In the year 1903, Mr. O'Connor was united in marriage to Miss Ida King, whose birthplace was Saginaw, Michigan. To their happy union one daughter was born, Mary Helen, who is a graduate of Parker high school and at this writing is attending the Moser Business College.

Mr. O'Connor's religion is that of the Roman Catholic Church, and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus. His parish is St. Bernard's. He has been very popular in his home city and is generally known as a citizen with unquestioned public spirit and high honor.

J. EDWARD TAYLOR

In presenting to the public the representative men of the educational institutions of the city of Springfield and the state of Illinois, and in fact of our nation, who have by superior force of character and energy, together with a combination of ripe qualities of professional ability and excellence, made themselves conspicuous and commanding in public and private life, we have no example more fit to present, and none more worthy a place in this volume than he whose name is the caption of this necessarily brief record. Not only has he risen above the general standards of his profession, but he also possesses in high degree those excellencies of human nature that make men worthy of regard among their fellows. He is high-minded and liberal, keenly alive to all the varied requirements of our educational institutions.

The regime of J. Edward Taylor as superintendent of schools has been a period of marked development in our educational institutions and one of sustained progress. Mr. Taylor has administered the responsible duties of his office with rare ability and judgment, and has made himself one of the most popular school executives ever to fill this position. Endowed with a natural talent for such work, he perfected his knowledge and fitness by long years of actual experience, and by close study of the student mind and character, also of the various methods that have been utilized in conducting schools. That his ability, work and character have met with the hearty approval of the people is fully demonstrated by his re-election to office on November 6, 1934.

Mr. Taylor was born on a farm near Williamsville, Illinois, on the 30th of March, 1866, and is a son of the late Isaac Jefferson and Mary Ann (McGinnis) Taylor. His father, of English descent, was also born on the farm near Williamsville. J. Edward Taylor was the third of five children born to his parents, the others having been as follows: Dr. A. Douglas Taylor, who is now retired from professional life, and is living in Dayton Beach, Florida; Ethel, now deceased, who was the wife of Robert Kennedy, of Elkhart, Illinois; Leonard and Thomas, both deceased; and Palmer Taylor, who now resides in Williamsville.

The early years of Mr. Taylor's life, when he was growing to young manhood, were passed on the home farm. He attended the common schools and was an assiduous student, with the result that when he was sixteen years old we find him in possession of a teacher's certificate and at seventeen years of age teaching school. He received his certificate with an average grade-mark of eighty-six and a half per cent. In Athens and in Williamsville, he taught, and in 1905 became principal of the famous Douglas School, sometimes known as the Trapp School; he was here for twenty-two years or from 1905 until 1927. This school, which is now standing at Mason, Walnut and Reynolds streets in Springfield, then stood on land bounded by First, Second and Mason streets. Mr. Taylor's capabilities



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as a teacher and principal became widely known through these years and his ideas concerning school technique and the juvenile mind were proved to be sound and practical. In 1927 he became a candidate for the office of superintendent of schools in Sangamon county. The honor of his victory is well reflected in the fact that he was the only demoerat on his ticket who was elected at that time. He has justified the faith and confidence of the voters in every manner. No man who ever held this office in the state has surpassed him in the amount of time and energy he has given to personal contact with the schools, pupils and teachers under his jurisdiction. Every working day finds him studying the schools at first hand and he leaves nothing to theory in his governing tactics. He has been a practical superintendent who has obtained results. One instance of his ideas in edncational science is the use of work books, whereby the child is taught to read much earlier than in former years. Children in the first year of school, under this system, read as well in their grade as the eighth grade did in theirs, which is a most interesting advancement in school work. Mr. Taylor is a member of the Illinois State Teachers Association, the Sangamon County Institute of Teachers, and the State Superintendents' Association.

On the 24th of June, 1886, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Sell, who was born in Elkhart, Illinois, a daughter of Andrew and Mary Turley Sell. The father of Mrs. Taylor came from Germany when he was sixteen years old, first settled in Wisconsin, then in Illinois and was a farmer all of his life. The mother was of the noted pioneer Turley family in the vicinity of Williams-ville, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor became the parents of one daughter, Alice, who is the widow of Howard Sweeney of Nashville, Tennessee, and she makes her home with her father in Springfield. Educational work is also the field for her activities, especially music, in which work she has been closely associated with her father. Mrs. Taylor passed away July 19, 1930.

As a side vocation, and one in which he has been outstandingly successful, Mr. Taylor is a farmer. He is the owner of a modern farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Clark county, Wisconsin, and on this area he raises corn, oats, barley, wheat, and beans, also has about thirty-five head of Guernsey cattle. His religious affiliation is with the West Side Christian Church in Springfield, and he is a Mason, belonging to Tyrian Lodge, No. 333, of which he is past master.

Democratic politics have had a rock-ribbed adherent for many years in Mr. Taylor, and he has exerted every effort and influence at his command to assist in the progress and success of the party. His public-spirit and his co-operative attitude in community affairs have won for him hosts of friends over a wide territory. Mr. Taylor possesses, in no small degree, that mysterious and magnetic charm which, intangible as the spirit of life itself, yet manifests itself with dynamic force in all relations, and differentiates the possessor from the commonplace. It is impossible to estimate the value of such a man to city, state and nation. His influence ramifies throughout the whole human fabric. Mr. Taylor has made a record of which his family and friends may well feel proud.

MICHAEL JAMES BRANSFIELD

Michael James Bransfield, a well known representative of the investment business, with offices at 120 South LaSalle street, Chicago, was born April 19, 1887, in the city which is yet his home, a son of Michael J. and Margaret (Hanlon) Bransfield. His education was acquired in St. Bernard's parochial school and in St. Ignatius College of Chicago, which institution conferred upon him the Bachelor of Arts degree. When his textbooks were put aside he entered the investment field and is a partner in the corporation of Michael J. Bransfield & Sons, Inc., the firm largely handling municipal securities. The business has been developed along substantial lines and the enterprise and progressive spirit of its owners is manifest in the gratifying success which they have won.

At Harbor Springs, Michigan, on the 4th of September, 1922, Mr. Brans-

field was married to Miss Marguerite Miller and they have become parents of four children, Charles, Marguerite, Michael J. and Miller Bransfield. Mr. Bransfield is well known socially, having membership in the Lake Shore Athletic Club and the Flossmoor Country Club—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and activities outside of business, while his political allegiance is foreshadowed in his membership in the Iroquois Club. He is a communicant of the Catholic Church.

GIBSON E. GORMAN

Gibson E. Gorman, judge of the municipal court of Chicago and an outstanding figure in democratic circles here, was born April 8, 1897, in the city which is still his home, his parents being Henry E. and Susan (Gorman) Gorman, both of whom were natives of County Clare, Ireland. Coming to the new world, the father joined the Chicago police force, became a police captain and was a veteran of the Haymarket riot, in which the policemen did heroic service in crushing the insurrection of the Reds. His death occurred in 1919 and his widow survived until 1926, both being laid to rest in Mount Olivet Cemetery of Chicago.

Gibson E. Gorman attended the public schools and afterward entered Loyola University in 1917 as a law student. He there pursued a thorough four years' course and won his LL. B. degree in 1921. The same year he was admitted to the bar and at once entered upon active practice, in which he has since continued, making steady progress in his chosen field as study and experience have heightened his powers and enabled him to cope successfully with intricate legal problems. He enjoys the respect and confidence of his professional brethren and is a member of both the Chicago and Illinois State Bar Associations. The offices which he has held have been in the direct path of his profession, for he served in the office of the city prosecutor under Mayor William E. Dever and in 1931 became assistant corporation counsel under Mayor Cermak. He was then elected to fill the unexpired term of Judge Francis B. Allegretti, who was elected to the circuit court, and in November, 1934, was reelected to the municipal court of Chicago, where already he has made an excellent record by the fairness and impartiality of his decisions.

Judge Gorman was married to Miss Dorothy Doorley, a granddaughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers, who organized the Catholic Order of Foresters, of which she was for many years high chief ranger. Judge and Mrs. Gorman have become the parents of three children: Dorothy Mary, a student in the Academy of Our Lady at Ninety-fifth and Throop streets in Chicago; Gibson E.; and Harry. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and the Judge is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He belongs to the Ridge Country Club and he is well known as a prominent representative of the democratic party, being secretary of the Nineteenth Ward Democratic Club and a member of the Iroquois Club. He has a very wide acquaintance among those who have guided the destinies of the party in Chicago and his opinions carry much weight in party councils.

WILLIAM W. LINK

It requires much more than party loyalty for a man to be a good public official in a city the size of Chicago, where heavy responsibilities rest upon every officeholder. The interests represented are so extensive and so important that marked business ability and keen foresight must feature in the records of each public official. Measuring up to every requirement, William W. Link is now rendering valuable service as president of the board of local improvements. For over twenty years he has labored actively for his party and its successes and has done much to influence the Slavic vote of Chicago.

Mr. Link was born in Poland on the 12th of February, 1884, and came with his parents, John and Cecelia (Munehkowsky) Link, to the United States when

but one year old. He attended the grade and high schools and also Lewis Institute, in which he pursued an engineering course. Early in his business life he became connected with the Imperial Japanning Company. His interests and activities have never been circumscribed. While giving full attention to business or other affairs, he has always found time and opportunity to express his opinion upon public matters of vital importance and to support every movement or project which he deemed would be of general good. A lifelong democrat, he is treasurer of the Forty-first Ward Organization and a co-worker of Thomas J. Bowler. He is also assistant treasurer of the Polish-American Democratic Organizations of Illinois and is second vice president of the United Slavic Organizations of the United States, in which he is associated with Otto Kerner, now attorney general of Illinois. During the 1932 campaign, Mr. Link, through his connection with the Slavic organizations of the country, did yeoman service in the ranks of the democratic party, where his work has extended over twenty years and where his influence in known to make for all that is progressive and worth while. On the 25th of June, 1933, he assumed the duties of his present office as president of the board of local improvements and in this connection he closely studies the vital questions which come up for settlement as to the most timely and most beneficial expenditure of public funds.

On the 1st of June, 1909, Mr. Link was married to Miss Frances Wisnieski and they have five children: Robert, Helen, Oren, Genevieve and Chester. Mr. Link belongs to the Lake Shore Athletic Club, to the Polish National Alliance and to the Chicago Society.

FRANK VINCENT ZINTAK

On the roster of Illinois' political leaders appears the name of Frank Vincent Zintak, who is now clerk of the superior court of Cook county. He was born October 4, 1888, in the twelfth ward of Chicago, and his home has been in that section of the city continuously since. He was one of the seven children of Joseph and Paulina Zintak and he attended parochial and public schools until thirteen years of age, when it became necessary for him to provide for his own support. He first learned the trade of electrician and worked in that field until his labors and economies had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to establish an independent business as a general building contractor when twenty-three years of age. He has also previously had some experience in real estate lines and this was of value to him when he started out on his own account. Private business claimed his attention until after America entered the World war, when he became an investigator in special government matters in the office of Maclay Hoyne, then state's attorney of Cook county. Following the close of hostilities he resumed business as a contractor and operated successfully in that field until the lull caused by the depression beginning in 1929.

From early youth Mr. Zintak has taken a keen interest in politics, supporting the principles of democracy. When he was but twenty-one years of age he was made a precinct captain and for a number of years has served as ward committeeman. In May, 1931, following the resignation of M. S. Szymczak as clerk of the superior court, Mr. Zintak was unanimously recommended by the Cook county democratic central committee to fill the position. At a meeting of the superior court judges in the chambers of Judge Denis E. Sullivan, Mr. Zintak was unanimously elected clerk of the superior court. In entering upon the duties of the position he at once displayed a determination to manage the office in accordance with the high standards set and maintained by his predecessor and his course is winning for him the highest commendation.

Mr. Zintak is married and has two children, Veronica and Frank V., Jr., with whom he occupies a pleasant home at 3134 West Forty-fourth street. He belongs to St. Pancratius Roman Catholic Church and he is a member of various clubs and of civic and fraternal societies. He belongs to the Young People's Democratic Organization and he has been most active in furnishing food and

fuel to every needy family in his ward during the past two years. He is constantly extending a helping hand where aid is needed and his cooperation can always be counted upon to support any civic project of real worth. His duties as superior court clerk, however, are manifold and receive the major part of his time and attention. No detail thereof is too unimportant to claim his interest, yet due stress is given to the greater responsibilities that devolve upon him in this connection. Not only party leaders but also his political opponents speak of his work in terms of praise.

ALVA M. CLAVIN

Alva M. Clavin, residing at 1012 Locust street in Sterling, is filling the position of postmaster of his native city, for he was here born August 4, 1875, a son of John and Josephine (Parker) Clavin. The father was born in Ireland, and the mother in Illinois. Alva M. Clavin became active in the work of the democratic party when a youth of but seventeen years and he was called to office in 1902, when appointed city collector, a position which he filled until 1904. In 1927 he was appointed a member of the board of review and served in that capacity for three years. In 1913 he was made district game warden and continued in the office until 1915, becoming postmaster in August of the latter year and serving until May, 1924. Ten years passed and he was recalled to the position of postmaster of Sterling, being appointed February 1, 1934 and commissioned on the 1st of July following.

Mr. Clavin was secretary of the democratic central committee of Whiteside county from 1909 until 1915 and acted as chairman thereof from 1924 until January, 1934. He attended the democratic national convention in Chicago in 1896 and again in 1932. For many years he has been the outstanding leader of democracy in Whiteside county.

In 1902, Mr. Clavin took over his father's coal business, which he conducted concurrently with his public offices until he entered the postoffice for the first time, and from 1924 until 1934 he was engaged in the real estate and insurance business also.

On the 13th of October, 1903, Mr. Clavin was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Lendman, who passed away on June 18, 1922, leaving two children, Helen and Alva M. Clavin, Jr. Mr. Clavin is a communicant of the Catholic Church and fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

ALBERT H. MANUS

One of the notable democrats of the state of Illinois is Judge Albert H. Manus of Freeport, Stephenson county. For a number of reasons, he holds an eminent position in the ranks of Illinois Democracy, and is one of the foremost leaders of the party in Stephenson county. He has given many years of devoted service to the party in campaigns and in his official positions has added prestige to the personnel of democracy. Men of his type have been responsible for the success of the party during recent years, and to them its future greatness may be attributed. Judge Manus is of democratic lineage, and from his boyhood days the Jeffersonian principles of political science have been foremost in his training. He was the first democratic states attorney ever elected in Stephenson county. He was the first democrat ever elected circuit judge from Freeport, and he and Judge Sheean were the first democratic judges elected from the circuit since 1880.

Judge Manus is a native of Ridott, Stephenson county, Illinois, his birth occurring on the 8th of April, 1881. He is a son of Gerjet and Rena (Dirksen) Manus. Gerjet Manus was born in Ostfriesland, Germany, October 9, 1830, and died April 27, 1911. He came across the Atlantic to the United States in the year 1854 and settled in Ridott township, Stephenson county, Illinois. He was well educated before he left the fatherland, and as a young man taught



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school for ten or twelve years. He then began farming to earn his livelihood and made a pronounced success in this occupation. The democratic party received his political allegiance, and he always worked with sincere interest in local and county politics. He held township office for a period of twenty years. He was a man of deeply religious nature, and was a member and active in the Presbyterian Church. Rena (Dirksen) Manus, his wife, was born in Emden, Germany, November 15, 1841, and died April 22, 1904. Of their children there are three sons surviving, of whom the immediate subject of this biography was the youngest. The eldest, D. G., who lived in Pearl City, Stephenson county, and is now a resident of Minnesota, was elected seven times to the board of supervisors of Loran township and was chairman of this board for three years. S. G., the second son, is a minister in the Presbyterian Church and lives in Foreston, Illinois.

Judge Albert H. Manus received his first education in the rural schools of Ridott and Silver Creek townships, Stephenson county. This course concluded, he took up his higher and his legal studies at the University of Minnesota, and from this splendid institution received his Bachelor of Arts degree in the year 1905. He was admitted to the bar in October, 1907, and in the same year established himself in the practice of his profession. He was elected states attorney in 1912, and served one term of four years. As noted previously, he was the first democratic states attorney in Stephenson county. He served eight years as city attorney,—from 1921 to 1927 and from 1931 to 1933. In June, 1933, he was elected circuit judge, his circuit including Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll, Ogle and Lee counties. In democratic organizations of Stephenson county, Judge Manus has always been very active. He was chairman of the Stephenson county central committee for six years, and was secretary of the committee from 1930 until he resigned to become circuit judge. He has attended several democratic state conventions as a delegate.

On July 1, 1909, Judge Manus was married to Miss Kathryn Rowenhorst, and they have a son, Albert H. Jr., who is a student in the University of Chicago Law School. The judge's religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church, and he has been a member of its board. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

BERNARD J. KORZENESKI

Bernard J. Korzeneski, examiner of titles in the office of the registrar of titles in the County building of Cook county, was born in Chicago, August 3, 1906. His father, also a native of Chicago, died in February, 1929, but his mother, who bore the maiden name of Anna Jendrzejek, is still living.

Bernard J. Korzeneski attended the parochial schools and was graduated from the Quigley Preparatory Seminary of Chicago in 1924. He then entered the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1928. He next went to Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he spent a year as a student in the Harvard Law School. Following his father's death he had to return to Chicago, and he completed his law course in the Northwestern University, which conferred upon him the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in February, 1932. In that year he became associated with the law firm of Russell, Murphy & Quigley, with offices at 29 South LaSalle street. In September, 1932, he was appointed to a position in the office of the corporation counsel and was assigned to duty in the city prosecutor's office. On the 7th of September, 1933, he was made esrow officer in the office of the registrar of titles of Cook county and on the 26th of June, 1934, was appointed examiner of titles in the office of registrar of titles, which position he is now occupying. On the 1st of January, 1934, he became a partner in the law firm of Jarecki-Brautigam-Korzeneski & Kearney, one of the senior partners, Mr. Jarecki, being a son of County Judge Edmund K. Jarecki.

Mr. Korzeneski belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Notre Dame

Club of Chicago, in which he has a student membership, and he is likewise a student member of the Lake Shore Athletic Club. He greatly enjoys certain sports, and members of the law firm with which he is associated are all ardent poloists. He is also interested in equestrian sports and is a good squash player and handball player. Thus he finds outlet for physical activity and for his social nature. He likewise belongs to the Thirty-third Ward Democratic Organization and is an active member, doing everything in his power to promote democratic interests and successes in Cook county.

ARTHUR W. MITCHELL

Arthur W. Mitchell, a man of broad vision whose labors have at all times been actuated by high ideals of service, has done notable work in behalf of the colored race in Chicago, where he is a recognized leader among the followers of democracy and who was elected on November 6, 1934 to Congress from the First Congressional District of Chicago, and who holds the distinction of being the first democrat of the negro race to be elected to Congress in the history of the country. He makes his home at 3657 South Parkway and maintains a law office at 417 East Forty-seventh street. Born in Roanoke, Alabama, December 22, 1883, he is a son of Taylor and Ammar (Patterson) Mitchell, who were also natives of that state, and both were born in slavery. The father devoted his life to farming.

Arthur W. Mitchell obtained his early education in Randolph and Chambers counties of Alabama, attending the public schools, and afterward entered the Tuskegee State Normal and Industrial Institute in Alabama in 1899. There he served as office boy for Booker T. Washington while pursuing his studies and he later took a teachers' course in the Snow Hill Normal and Industrial College at Snow Hill, Alabama, where he won his diploma. He subsequently taught in the public schools of Alabama and for seven consecutive years he pursued special courses in English, education and philosophy in Harvard University. This was followed by postgraduate work at Columbia University in economics and philosophy.

Mr. Mitchell has made valuable contribution to educational progress among his people. He founded the Armstrong Agricultural School in 1908 at West Butler, Alabama, and served as its principal until he resigned in 1917 to enter military training at Camp Pike, Arkansas. He also served on the Home Defense League in Alabama. In 1919 he removed to Washington, D. C., and read law there for a period of three years, during which time he also engaged in the real estate business. The year 1924 witnessed his removal to Chicago and he was admitted to practice at the Illinois bar in 1927. The following year he opened his office on East Forty-seventh street and has since engaged in practice here, winning a constantly growing business.

In 1904, at Greensboro, Alabama, Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage to Miss Eula King, who passed away in 1909, leaving a son, Arthur W., Jr., now a resident of Chicago. In 1911 Mr. Mitchell was again married, his second union being with Annie H. Harris, of Watertown, Connecticut. She was associated with Mr. Mitchell in his work at the Armstrong Agricultural College and she is a staunch member of the Second Ward Regular Democratic Club, to which Mr. Mitchell also belongs. He has ever taken an active part in civic and political work and during the Roosevelt campaign made speeches in behalf of the democratic presidential candidate from New York to California. He was selected by the regular democratic organization to become the candidate for congress from the first Illinois district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Harry A. Baker, the primary nominee, and, as noted, was duly elected. Mr. Mitchell has always been actuated by broad humanitarian principles and in 1920 he founded the Mutual Housing Company of Washington, D. C., organized for the purpose of securing better housing conditions for the colored race. He has been national president of the Phi Beta Sigma since 1925 and he is a member

of the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. Throughout his life he has read broadly and thought deeply and is a man of broad intelligence, with comprehensive understanding of many of the vital problems of municipal and federal government. He has always worked for progress and upbuilding and his labors have been far-reaching and resultant.

HON. JOSEPH G. CERNY

Hon. Joseph G. Cerny, president of Cicero, to which office he was elected April 5, 1932, is one of the most popular residents of the town which has been his home for the past nineteen years. Mr. Cerny was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1898, and is a son of the late Lee and Agnes (Mydild) Cerny, who still reside in Cicero.

Joseph G. Cerny acquired his education in the grammar schools and in the Harrison high school of Chicago. Very early in life he started out to provide for his own support by taking up electrical work, in which capacity he became associated with the Chicago Surface Lines and remained with the corporation up to the time of the World war.

After the United States joined the allies, Mr. Cerny became a member of the the Twenty-sixth Engineers located at Camp Forest in Georgia and after receiving his honorable discharge he again resumed his position with the Chicago Surface Lines, remaining therewith until 1928. All through the years from the time he attained his majority Mr. Cerny was interested in politics and became an active participant therein. In 1929 he was appointed chief deputy clerk of the superior court of Cook county, and after several years of service in that capacity he was promoted to the position of chief deputy of the superior court of Cook county. He made an excellent record in both offices and won for himself a prominent position in democratic circles. In his home community he has found opportunity to express his interest in civic welfare by service on the Cicero board of education, to which position he was elected for a term of three years and was then re-elected in 1931 by a large majority. This was followed by his election on the 5th of April, 1932, to the office of president of the town of Cicero, and as its chief executive he is making an excellent record, largely advancing municipal interests through his devotion to the general good and his recognition of the opportunities afforded him to further public welfare through the avenue of official activity.

Mr. Cerny was married to Miss Mildred Novak, who was also born in Chicago and who is the daughter of Dagobert Novak, publisher of various suburban newspapers.

Mr. Cerny is a member of various organizations, social, fraternal and civic. He belongs to the Sokol Slavsky of Cicero, the Order of Christopher Columbus No. 193, C. S. P. S.; Praha Lodge No. 231, I. O. O. F.; Cicero Lodge No. 955, A. F. & A. M.; Cicero Lodge No. 1510, B. P. O. E.; Syracusan Lodge No. 500 of the Knights of Pythias; and Prokop Lodge No. 4 of the Order of Tabors. He likewise belongs to the International Brotherhood of Electricians, Local No. 713, and by reason of his military service has become a member of American Legion Post No. 96 and Anton J. Cermak Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. His activities and his interests are thus broad and varied and his labors have covered a wide scope along lines that are beneficial to the entire community.

As president of the town of Cicero, Mr. Cerny governs a Chicago suburb with a population of sixty-six thousand, seven hundred within the territory known as the metropolitan district of Chicago. It has various industrial and mercantile concerns of importance and is the home of the Morton high school, with a student body of sixty-five hundred, having the second highest scholastic rating in Illinois. There are also twelve public grammar schools and some twenty-five churches and parochial schools. Important business interests center here and are served by three banks and by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Illinois Central, Baltimore & Ohio Chicago Terminal, Indiana Harbor Belt and Merchants & Manufac-

turners Railroads. A township form of government, represented by a board of trustees, a town clerk and president of the board, governs the town, which at present has no bonded indebtedness.

NORBERT HOTZ

The name of Hotz is closely associated with political activity in Madison county, where Norbert Hotz is now filling the office of county clerk. He was born in Edwardsville, Illinois, March 12, 1888. His father, Joseph Hotz, a native of Madison county, this state, entered mercantile business as proprietor of the Model Department Store in Edwardsville. In 1900 he was elected sheriff of Madison county and he was appointed postmaster of Edwardsville under President Woodrow Wilson during his first administration, while during the second Wilson administration he received appointment to the office of internal revenue inspector. In 1922 he was nominated for county clerk but was reported defeated in the general election, which, however, he contested, and after sixteen months he was declared the successful nominee and was installed in office, continuously serving to the time of his death in June, 1933.

Norbert Hotz was educated in parochial schools and the high school of Edwardsville and started out in the business world with the N. O. Nelson Manufacturing Company, with which he remained until the United States became involved in the World war. He entered the service at Camp Zachary Taylor in Kentucky and was discharged in June, 1919, as sergeant of the headquarters company. He was a civilian employe for about eight months, and he is now an active and valued member of the American Legion.

Following his military experience Mr. Hotz spent three years in Denver, Colorado, in charge of the Oaks Home Sanitarium Commissary, after which he returned home and entered the office of the county clerk as his father's deputy. Upon his father's death in June, 1933, he succeeded him in the office, with the work of which he had become thoroughly familiar, so that he was well qualified to assume the added duties and responsibilities. He has always been active in party work since attaining his majority, has never failed to express his opinions at the ballot box and was an alternate to the state convention held in Springfield in 1934. In the same year he was nominated for the office which he is now filling by over six thousand votes.

On the 24th of September, 1924, Mr. Hotz married Miss Mayme B. Neudecker, of Marine, Madison county, Illinois. She is active in the American Legion Auxiliary, identified with the post at Marine, while Mr. Hotz is connected with Edwardsville Post. They belong to St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church at Marine and Mr. Hotz is connected with the Knights of Columbus. In former years he played baseball on the Edwardsville team, being left fielder when the team played at Buffalo, New York, in Kansas and in Indiana and he yet feels a keen interest in the sport.

JOSEPH J. DRUCKER

Joseph J. Drucker, who was elected to the municipal court bench of Chicago on November 6, 1934, is a member of the well known law firm of Sabath, Perlman, Goodman & Rein; was formerly assistant attorney general of the state, and for over a decade was secretary to Congressman A. J. Sabath, whom he assisted in all his nationwide congressional work.

Mr. Drucker was born in Chicago, August 11, 1900, and after the completion of his elementary studies at the Richard Yates grammar school he entered the Carl Schurz high school, from which in due course of time he was graduated. He next matriculated in the University of Chicago, but during the World war he put aside his textbooks and all personal considerations to enter the Fort Sheridan training school, in which he was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry. Following the war he entered the American consular service and was assigned to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he served for two years.



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Mr. Drucker then returned to Chicago and pursued his legal studies in the De Paul University School of Law while working in the Federal Reserve Bank. Upon his admission to the bar he became connected with the law firm of Mayer, Meyer, Austrian & Platt. He took up law practice in this city in 1923 and his legal experience has been both valuable and diversified. After concluding his association with Mayer, Meyer, Austrian & Platt he became associated in the general practice of law with Congressman A. J. Sabath, to whom he has also rendered valuable service as assistant in his congressional work. In 1931 Mr. Drucker became assistant corporation counsel of the city of Chicago under Mayor Cermak and he is now assistant attorney general of the state of Illinois. His private interests are represented by his partnership relations with the firm of Sabath, Perlman, Goodman & Rein.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Drucker has been well known in democratic circles because of the efficient work he has done for the party. During the last three presidential campaigns he has handled all of the publicity and campaign matter for his party throughout the nation for foreign language groups and newspapers. He is a splendid organizer, recognizing the possibilities for strength in any given combination, and he has always been a thorough student of the vital problems before the country, political or otherwise. He belongs to the Iroquois Club and he has been very active in ward and organization politics, making his home in the twenty-first ward.

Mr. Drucker enjoys many outdoor sports and he has a host of friends not only in Chicago but throughout the country, for he has traveled widely. He maintains pleasant relations with his former military comrades through his membership in the American Legion, and in the professional field his membership connection is with the Chicago, Illinois State and American Bar Associations.

THOMAS A. GREEN

Thomas A. Green, a representative of the Cook county judiciary, was called to the bench in 1930 and brought to the duties of the office the value of wide experience in the practice of law. Judge Green is a native of South Chicago, Illinois, born August 7, 1892, his parents being John D. and Oretta (Clark) Green, both natives of Ohio. The father came to Cook county, Illinois, forty-eight years ago and is now a pensioner of the Chicago city fire department, with which he served on active duty for twenty-eight years.

Thomas A. Green pursued his studies in the Chicago public schools, attended high school and became a night scholar at the Central Y. M. C. A., from which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1910. He next entered the Illinois College of Law and completed his course in 1914, at which time the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him. He has also taken special courses in the University of Chicago and he has always been a close student of the underlying principles of law. He engaged in general practice for nineteen years and he was associated with the state's attorney's office in 1916 and 1917 under Maclay Hoyne. In the year 1923 he was appointed to duty in the office of the corporation counsel and in 1930 was called to the bench, being made one of the judges of Cook county. He has now served for four years and his record has gained the commendation of the great majority of his fellow citizens.

On the 10th of June, 1916, in Chicago, Judge Green was united in marriage to Miss Mary McBee, a daughter of Thomas and Clara McBee, of Mansfield, Ohio, and a graduate of Ohio State University. Thomas McBee was long an active factor in democratic politics in the Buckeye state. Judge and Mrs. Green are the parents of two daughters, Virginia and Mary Elizabeth, who are seventeen and sixteen years of age, respectively.

The military record of Judge Green covers two years' service with the United States Marines. He enlisted in April, 1917, and became a sergeant. After spending four months in the Philadelphia navy yards he boarded the

U. S. S. Charleston in July, 1917, and was on duty on that vessel until September, 1918, being mustered out in New York in October.

Judge Green is a member of the Catholic Church. He belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and to the American Legion and is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He is also connected with the Illinois Athletic Club and along strictly professional lines his membership is with the Chicago, Illinois State and American Bar Associations. Politically he has been a stalwart democrat since casting his first vote and is a member of the regular democratic organization. He has attended all of the state and national conventions of the party for the past decade and is well known to the political leaders of Illinois. He makes his home at 10633 Avenue F in South Chicago and his fellow townsmen of that community, in which he has always lived, are proud of his record and speak of him in terms of warm regard.

EUGENE L. McGARRY

Eugene L. McGarry, judge of the municipal court of Chicago, was born at Bloomington, Illinois, fifty-five years ago. He attended the Chicago public schools and studied law at the Chicago-Kent College of Law, where he received the LL. B. degree. He was admitted to the bar in 1915 and has engaged in general practice since that time. His ability is recognized by his professional colleagues and is attested by the public in the liberal clientage accorded him.

Mr. McGarry has always been found as a stalwart figure in democratic ranks and his first official duties were performed when he was a deputy collector in the county treasurer's office from 1911 to 1914. He was an assistant state's attorney during 1918 and 1919 and assistant attorney for the sanitary district from February to November, 1928. In the primaries of April, 1934, he was nominated for judge of the municipal court, having received the endorsement of the regular democratic organization, and elected November 6, 1934. He is a member of the Law Institute, maintains offices at 155 North Clark street and resides at 657 Roscoe street in Chicago.

PETER M. KELLY (II)

Peter M. Kelly (II) is one of the county commissioners of Cook county, a position that carries with it many onerous duties. He was elected to the office in 1930 and again in 1934 by large majorities, and the record which he has made has indicated his unfaltering devotion to the best interests of the community. A native of Ireland, Mr. Kelly was born in 1887 and was brought to Chicago when but a year old by his father, Peter M. Kelly (I), who established the family home in this city. He joined the Chicago police force and was advanced from the ranks to the position of sergeant, while ultimately he became a lieutenant and a captain. Under Mayor Edward F. Dunne he became an inspector. This was a new office on the force and Mr. Kelly was the first man to be appointed, being named for the place in 1905, there being but four inspectors in connection with the entire police department. Peter M. Kelly (I) passed away in 1908.

His son, Peter M. Kelly (II), acquired his education in the public schools and a business college, and starting out in life to provide for his own support, obtained employment with Sears Roebuck & Company. 1912 he turned his attention to the undertaking business, in which he has since been successfully engaged, a liberal patronage being accorded him. He maintains a funeral chapel at 238 South Cicero avenue and manifests the utmost care and tact in the conduct of his business.

Mr. Kelly has always taken a keen interest in politics as a democratic supporter and in 1911 became precinct captain of the old thirteenth ward. He has figured very prominently in democratic organization work and is now captain of his precinct in the thirtieth ward. In 1926 he was elected a member of the state central committee and served in that position for four years. In 1930 he was chosen a member of the board of Cook county commissioners and again in

1934 was elected by a large majority, the vote being indicative of the excellent record which he had made and the confidence reposed in him by the general public. For twenty-two years he has been active in the political circles of the thirtieth ward, where he is also well known through commercial and financial interests.

Mr. Kelly was married to Miss Christiana Mullen, of Springfield, Illinois, and they have seven children, all yet living. He is particularly a home man and for the past eighteen years the family has occupied the same house. For an extended period he has displayed a keen interest in the welfare of the sick at the County Hospital and his humanitarian spirit prompts him to often extend a helping hand where aid is needed. He has the highest esteem and has won the praise of the staff of the hospital and in his work has their sympathetic cooperation. He belongs to the Chicago Association of Commerce, the West Side Chamber of Commerce, the Garfield Park Business Men's Association and the Knights Club, and his social qualities and sterling worth have made him popular in all these different organizations. In religious faith he is a Catholic.

MARY McENERNEY

Mary McEnerney has the distinction of having been the first working woman in the United States to be elected to public office. She has long been a worker in democratic ranks and has exerted wide influence among the women of Illinois in behalf of her party. She has studied broadly and deeply the vital political and labor problems that have been before the country in the past three decades and few women are able to speak with greater authority upon any questions connected therewith.

Miss McEnerney, a native of Chicago, is one of a family of three daughters and two sons born to John and Catherine (Kilmartin) McEnerney. Her father was a native of Ireland and she has an inherent militant Irish background. The family lived in County Clare, whence representatives of the name came to seek the opportunities of the new world. Miss McEnerney attended the public schools but largely acquired her education in the "university of hard knocks." In a word, she is self-educated, gaining broad knowledge through experience, reading and investigation. She left school at the age of fourteen to work in a bindery and while thus employed became secretary of the union, severing her connection with the bindery in order to work for the organization at a salary of ten dollars per week. Her labors have been most effective in the upbuilding of her union now the Bindery Women's Union, Local No. 30, is the largest organization of the kind in Illinois. She has been its representative for thirty years and she was the first organizer of the women's division of this union. Moreover, she has the distinction of being the first woman to hold office in the American Federation of Labor, being chosen vice president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor.

During political campaigns Miss McEnerney has always worked for democratic candidates and she was a staunch advocate of "votes for women" at Springfield until woman's suffrage became a law in the state. She cast a ballot for university trustees when women were limited to vote only for this office. Governor Lowden appointed her to represent labor on a health insurance commission. She was elected a delegate-at-large to the national democratic convention in Houston, serving as the only woman delegate from Chicago. In 1930 she became county commissioner and has since been connected with the board, acting on the special committee having to do with the juvenile homes and on the printing committee.

Miss McEnerney says that Friday the 13th is her lucky day—a fact which shows that there is no superstition in her makeup. She belongs to St. Anselm's Roman Catholic Church and she has rendered a valuable public service as a Red Cross worker, as a member of the State Council of Defense and in connection with the Liberty Loan drives during the World war. Never has she faltered in her activities in support of democracy since making her first political speech for Robert M. Sweitzer. Down through the years she has advocated those principles

in which she so firmly believes, until at the present time, endorsing the views of Franklin D. Roosevelt, she is giving staunch support to the National Recovery Administration, believing that this will have a good effect on labor generally. She is a member of the board of directors of the Illinois Democratic Club and also has membership in the Illinois Club for Catholic Women.

EDWARD F. ABELL

With the attainment of his majority, politics became one of the active interests in the life of Edward F. Abell, who is now sheriff of Wabash county, his term of office extending from 1930 to December, 1934. He makes his home in Mount Carmel, where he is widely known. His birth occurred in Dubois county, Indiana, April 29, 1883, his parents being Christopher C. and Mary M. (Chandley) Abell, who were also natives of Indiana, where they resided until 1897 and then established their home in Wabash county, Illinois. The father followed the occupation of farming and he gave staunch support to the democratic party, never scratching his ticket. He passed away in 1918 and is still survived by his widow, who is making her home in Lancaster, Illinois.

Edward F. Abell attended the country schools of Wabash county following his arrival here with his parents when a youth of fourteen years. From an early age, however, his time and attention were largely concentrated upon farm work as he assisted his father in the cultivation and improvement of the home place. Later he operated threshing machines and a sawmill, continuing in that line of business until 1921, when he came to Mount Carmel, acting as an oil salesman for a short time and later spending a brief period in the employ of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway. In 1927 he was called to public office, being made chief of police of Mount Carmel, and so excellent was his record in that position that in 1930 he was elected sheriff of Wabash county for a four years' term. He has been prompt, faithful and fearless in the discharge of his official duties and is an able custodian of the public peace. He belongs to the Illinois State Sheriffs' Association, in whose meetings are held discussions of all the questions relative to the duties of the office. He has always voted with the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and has worked consistently for its successes. On several occasions he has attended the congressional, judicial and state conventions as well as the local party meeting, and he is a liberal donor to the democratic organization.

On the 11th of September, 1902, Mr. Abell was married to Miss Fannie Holder, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Holder, who have always given staunch allegiance to democracy. Mrs. Abell is likewise active in democratic work and has served on many local committees for the support of the party. She has also given much time to the rearing of an adopted daughter, Zella Blanch, who is now the wife of Dan Gard. Mr. Abell belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Christian Church.

THOMAS J. MATOUSEK

One of the younger lawyers of Chicago and Cook county, Illinois, who holds the important position of Chief Examiner of Titles for the county by appointment of Clayton F. Smith is Thomas J. Matousek.

Mr. Matousek is a native of Chicago, his birth having occurred in this city on the 22nd of January, 1897. His father, Albert Matousek, was born in Bohemia, and came to the United States in 1872, when he was twenty-eight years of age. He settled in Chicago, where he followed his trade as blacksmith until his death in 1904. Mr. Matousek's mother's maiden name was Anna Castoral. She was likewise born in Bohemia, and now makes her home in Cicero, Illinois.

The grade and high schools of Cook county supplied Mr. Matousek with his preparatory education and then, having decided to study law, he entered



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the College of Liberal Arts of the University of Chicago, and later pursued the study of law at the Northwestern University Law School, and therefrom received his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1920. He was admitted to the bar of the state of Illinois in 1921, and then became associated with the prominent law firm of Goodnow, Matthews, Lucius and Buehler in Chicago. He retained this connection until March 1, 1922, on which date he was appointed escrow officer of Cook county, Joseph F. Haas then being registrar of titles. Mr. Matousek indicated outstanding ability and talent in this field of work and on January 1, 1923 was appointed by Mr. Haas to the position of examiner of titles. He held this post until April, 1928, then was appointed assistant chief examiner of titles, and finally, on September 2, 1930, received his appointment to his present position. He has about sixty employees under his jurisdiction and is doing a work of vast importance. Mr. Matonsek is recognized as an authority on the Torrens Law, and has in course of preparation a comprehensive publication upon this subject. In addition to his county work he is also a lecturer on land titles at the Northwestern University Law School.

Mr. Matonsek was married November 26, 1924, to Miss Mary L. Horan, of Chicago, whose family has been identified with the democratic party in Cook county for many years.

Soon after the United States declared war against Germany in 1917, Mr. Matonsek enlisted at Chicago in the service of his country. He was assigned to Camp Joseph E. Johnston in Jacksonville, Florida, was assigned to Constructors Co. No. 5 and remained in the quartermaster's corps there until he was honorably discharged January 3, 1919. Mr. Matonsek is now a member of the Cicero Post of the American Legion. He is a member of Delta Sigma Phi, a literary fraternity, and Phi Alpha Delta, a legal fraternity.

MITCHELL C. ROBIN

Mitchell C. Robin, who for the last eight years has served as clerk of the probate court of Cook county, was born in the city of Chicago, September 1, 1891. He attended the Washburne grammar school and the Medill high school, and he has spent his entire life in Cook county. During the administration of William E. Dever, he was a member of the board of local improvements, in which position he served for four years.

When Mr. Robin became the democratic candidate for clerk of the probate court, he had the unqualified endorsement of all major civic organizations and every newspaper in Chicago. During his eight years of service, he has not been engaged in any other business or occupation, as it is, and has been, his belief that those holding public office should devote all of their time and energy to the demands and requirements of the office, and in this way assure good service to the public.

Although the clerk of the probate court has the appointive powers of the assistant judges, Mr. Robin has been steadfast in his position—that no assistant judge would be appointed without the endorsement of Henry Horner and John F. O'Connell, the judges of the probate court under whom he has served. In the conduct of this office he has consistently advised with Judge Horner and Judge O'Connell, so that he could receive the benefit of the probate judges' experience and ideas. Mr. Robin has inaugurated a number of important innovations in his office, among them being monthly courtesy meetings at which problems of this office are discussed with his employees, so that they may realize the workings of the entire office with a view of making them understand how their individual tasks ultimately create an efficient organization in its contact with the general public.

When the legislature was presented with a bill to make possible the probating of estates less than five hundred dollars in amount through banks, Mr. Robin realized that this would result in great saving of time, worry and effort to widows and children and exerted every effort to make possible the enactment of such

legislation, which is now in effect. He has also been especially interested in those cases involving soldiers and sailors of the World war—either as insane cases, feeble minded or to settle the estates of those deceased.

Mr. Robin has been very active in child welfare work and the Boy Scouts movement and is a member of the Covenant Club, Chicago Chamber of Commerce, Masons, Elks, Loyal Order of Moose, Knights of Pythias, as well as the Art Institute and similar civic institutions. These connections indicate clearly the nature of his activities and the rules that govern his conduct, showing his deep interest in those things which are an uplifting force in the life of the individual or the community at large. If his record can be expressed in two words, those words would be justice and progress.

JOHN PEMBERTON

John Pemberton, who is most closely associated with democratic politics as chairman of the county central committee of Mason county, makes his home in Forest City. He was born on the bluffs of Spring Lake, (formerly known as Spring Lake or Durang) not many miles from his present home, November 10, 1863. His parents were George W. and Susan A. (Rochester) Pemberton, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Indiana, both coming with their respective parents to Illinois. George W. Pemberton was a soldier of the Civil war. During his active career he engaged in the grocery and grain business in Forest City, where the family located in 1871. In later years he discontinued the grain trade but carried on the grocery business in order to be occupied. It was in 1893 that he retired from the grain trade, and he passed away in 1899, at the age of fifty-eight years. He had long given stalwart support to the democratic party. His widow survived him for some time, passing away at Clarkston, Washington, about 1922, when seventy-seven years of age.

John Pemberton spent his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and became associated with his father in the grain business, in which he continued alone after the latter's retirement. He has bought grain for various companies and for forty-five years was with the McFadden Company, while at the present time he is buying for the Turner-Hindmüt Company. In 1899 he aided in organizing the Forest City State Bank, of which he was the president until July, 1934, when it paid its depositors in full and the business was absorbed by the Peoples State Bank of Manito. He is likewise interested in farm lands in Iowa and Illinois, his holdings aggregating eight hundred and fifty acres. He displays close application and unfaltering enterprise and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

By his first marriage, in 1890, to Miss Katherine Graff, Mr. Pemberton has a daughter, Mrs. Vera Herman, of Forest City, who has two daughters, Doris and Ferne. In 1906 he married Miss Margaret E. Kiesling, of Forest City township, Mason county, Illinois. He is well known through his fraternal connections and has membership with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He became a charter member of the local Knights of Pythias lodge and received its gold medal after twenty-five years' association therewith. He was also a charter member of Forest City Camp, No. 1123, M. W. A. He also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, being a member of Peoria Consistory, and he formerly belonged to the Mystic Shrine in that city. He has always been deeply interested in local welfare and progress, taking prominent part in promoting many movements which have proven of great value to this district. He was chairman of the committee that was instrumental in saving the railroad built through Forest City by inducing the Chicago & Illinois Midland to take over the old C. P. & St. L. property, and he was a member of a committee that made a trip to Washington, D. C., to get a permit for the WENR radio station, in which task they succeeded. On attaining his majority Mr. Pemberton became a member of the Mason county democratic committee and has since served as county committeeman save for a

period of one year. He is now chairman of the county central committee, having been appointed to succeed A. D. Cullinane, while later he was elected to the office. He also served as postmaster of Forest City during both the first and second administrations of President Cleveland and he has done active and effective work in organizing the forces of the democratic party in his county, in getting out the vote and in winning victories for the democratic candidates. For more than thirty years he has been treasurer of the Forest City school district which comprises Town 22, Range 6. For the last thirty years he has been a delegate to the judicial and state conventions and is well known to democracy over the state.

JOHN A. FOIL

Among the men who have held public office in Pana and whose records are regarded as most creditable is numbered John A. Foil, who is now serving as justice of the peace and as clerk of the city court. He has made his home in Pana since March, 1889, or for a period of forty-five years, and is most widely and favorably known here. His birth occurred on a farm near Concord, North Carolina, February 21, 1872. His father settled in Montgomery county, Illinois, while subsequently he removed to Pana, where he was employed as a cabinet-maker by the Big Four Railroad, continuing to act in that capacity for many years. He passed away in Taylorville, Illinois, about 1927, while the mother of John A. Foil died in North Carolina.

When a youth of seventeen years John A. Foil left his native state and came to Illinois, where he joined his father. He had previously attended the public schools of North Carolina and afterward was a student in Catawba College at Newton, that state, for two and one-half years. He has continuously made his home in Pana for four and one-half decades and was first employed here by the Western Union Telegraph Company for about a year. He was then made manager for the company at Hillsboro but after a brief period returned to Pana and worked as extra man for the Big Four Railroad for about one year, after which he secured a position with the Singer Sewing Machine Company, acting as a salesman for a year. He was then called home to become manager for the Postal Telegraph Company on the 18th of June, 1896, and acted in that capacity for twelve years. At the same time he was township clerk for about six years and was next elected circuit clerk of Christian county, a position which he filled most creditably for twelve years. On retiring from office he entered the employ of the Pana Coal Company, which operated mines in Pana, acting as top eager for eight years. During the last six years of that period he also served as supervisor of Pana township, and when the clerk of the city court of Pana passed away, Mr. Foil was appointed to serve out the unexpired term of two years. At the end of that period he was elected for the four-year term and at the succeeding election was chosen for the office for a six-year term, so that when his present term expires he will have served altogether for twelve years. When with the Pana Coal Company he began writing insurance and also handling real estate, and he yet operates in this field to some extent, although allowing nothing to interfere with the faithful performance of his duties as a public official. He has again and again been called to office, which is indicative of the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen and his loyalty to the interests entrusted to his care. On the 1st of April, 1930, he was elected justice of the peace and in the same year he was also again elected clerk of the city court. He is systematic and methodical in the performance of his duties and his record is regarded as a most commendable one. In politics he has always been a democrat and has been secretary of the Christian county central committee.

On the 26th of July, 1894, Mr. Foil was married to Miss Myra E. Turrentene, a daughter of C. P. and Susan Turrentene, of Pana, where the wedding

was celebrated. The children of this marriage are: Frank A., who married Hattie Hotter, of Pana; Paul D., who wedded Edith Carpenter, of Pana; Sid L., who married Adelaide Phipps, of Shelby county; Susan L., at home; and Charles Frederick, who first married Grace German, of Pana, and later Stella Mitchell of Pana. Mr. and Mrs. Foil and their children support the democratic party, giving active and earnest allegiance thereto. Mr. Foil belongs to the Elks lodge and the Odd Fellows lodge of Pana and he attends the German Evangelical Church. His has been an active, useful and well spent life and there are few men of Pana more widely known, while none are held in warmer esteem by a large circle of friends.

ALEXANDER FREDERICK REICHMANN

Alexander Frederick Reichmann, a member of the Chicago bar who has practiced continuously in this city for almost four decades, was a delegate to the national convention of the democratic party in 1912 and has always been a consistent party supporter. Mr. Reichmann is a native of Dubuque, Iowa. He was born July 23, 1868, a son of Alexander and Theresa Reichmann, the former a Union soldier who was with the Army of the Potomac during the Civil war. The son completed his public school education as a high school student at Le Mars, Iowa, and then entered Sacred Heart College at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. After the completion of his more specifically literary course he prepared for the bar at the University of Michigan and was graduated in 1888, at which time the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him. He has been admitted to practice at the bars of Iowa and of Illinois and followed his profession in his native state for seven years after his graduation, on the expiration of which period he removed to Chicago in 1895 and for thirty-nine years has practiced here with continuous success, gaining a creditable position among the well known and leading representatives of his calling in this city.

On the 3d of June, 1897, in Decorah, Iowa, Mr. Reichmann was married to Miss Edith Cheever Dent and they have a daughter and a son, Harriet Reichmann Forrest and William Dent Reichmann. Outside of his professional activities, the nature of Mr. Reichmann's interests is well indicated in his club and other connections. He is a member of the University Club of Chicago, the Chicago Literary Club, the Caxton Club of Chicago, the Iroquois Club of Chicago, the Attie, of Chicago, and the Barrington Hills Country Club. He has a membership in the Episcopal Church and his activities have been intelligently directed into those channels through which flows the greatest good to the greatest number. In early manhood, while still a resident of Iowa, he was active in democratic political organizations and after coming to Chicago became allied with the Iroquois Club, the strongest and most prominent organization of the kind in the metropolis. He occupied the presidency of the club in 1912-13 and in the year of his election to that office was also made a delegate to the national convention of his party which in that year met in Baltimore. He also took a helpful and prominent part in support of Woodrow Wilson during the campaign of 1912 and has always remained an unfaltering and loyal supporter of the party, while at the same time concentrating the major part of his time and attention upon his professional interests, which have brought him to an outstanding position at the Chicago bar.

BEN BLUM

Among the supporters of democracy in Pulaski county who are holding public office is numbered Ben Blum, of Mound City, who is serving as state food and dairy inspector. He was born in Mound City, November 12, 1879, a son of Louis and Sophie (Hirsh) Blum, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came to the United States prior to the Civil war and was married in New York, whence he and his wife came to Illinois, settling in Cairo in the middle part of the nineteenth century. They afterward removed to



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Mound City, where Mr. Blum established a general merchandise store. He prospered as the years passed and became the owner of about two thousand acres of land in this section of the state. His death occurred when he had reached the age of seventy-four years and his wife passed away when about forty years of age. They were the parents of six children, two of whom are deceased. In order of birth they were as follows: Arthur, Clara, J. J., Samuel, Tudie and Ben.

The grade schools of Mound City afforded Ben Blum his educational opportunities and after his school days were over he became assistant to his father in the store. Following his father's death he conducted business on his own account, handling men's clothing and general merchandise, and became one of the leading representatives of mercantile interests in Pulaski county, carrying on the business until 1933, when he was appointed food and dairy inspector for the twenty-third, twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth districts. This position he still fills and the promptness and faithfulness with which he discharges his duties have made for him a creditable record.

The Blum family has always supported the democratic party and Ben Blum cast his first presidential vote for Bryan. For one term he was city treasurer and he is now the president of the Jeffersonian Club of his precinct. He owns a hall at Mound City which he donates to the party for all occasions, and during the campaign of 1932 he visited every town in Pulaski county, being escorted by members of the party of Mound City. His wife is also active in party work and is a member of the woman's organization.

It was in 1909 that Mr. Blum wedded Miss Nellie Schwab, of Paducah, Kentucky, daughter of M. and Tressie (Heyman) Schwab, who are stalwart supporters of the democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Blum are the parents of a daughter, Tessie, who was graduated from the schools of Mound City in 1931 and is now a student at the Southern Illinois State Normal University in Carbondale. She is to begin teaching at Mounds in the fall of 1934.

Mr. Blum belongs to Mound City Lodge, A. F. & A. M., to the Royal Arch chapter of Cairo, to the White Shrine, the Eastern Star and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Cairo. His wife is a member of the Eastern Star and the White Shrine, and they occupy an enviable position in fraternal and social circles, while the number of their friends in Pulaski county is extensive.

PHILIP G. BARRON

Philip G. Barron, who in October, 1933, was appointed acting postmaster of Duquoin, and commissioned April 28, 1934, in which position he is still serving, was born June 29, 1893, in the city which is still his home. His father, Charles Barron, who was born in Duquoin, Illinois, March 13, 1865, was the son of a Civil war veteran who gave his political endorsement to the republican party. Charles Barron, however, became a stalwart democrat and never faltered in his allegiance to the party nor in his support of its candidates, although he never sought office for himself. His business activity was in the field of coal mining. He married Sophia Hempler, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, a daughter of Philip Hempler, who was a miner and was one of the Civil war veterans of southern Illinois who were captured and sent to Andersonville prison, where he died.

Philip G. Barron attended the public schools of Duquoin, including the high school, and started out in business as a reporter for the Duquoin Herald, in which capacity he served for a year. During the succeeding two years he held various clerical jobs with the Illinois Central System and then spent twenty years as chief clerk and cashier with the Crerar-Clinch Coal Company of Duquoin, thus continuing to serve until October 10, 1933, when he was appointed acting postmaster, in which capacity he continues to the present, his commission having been received April 28, 1934. Like his father, he is a

supporter of the democratic party and has served as chairman of the Perry county central committee. He is also secretary of the Perry County Jeffersonian Club and is precinct committeeman of Precinct No. 1 of Duquoin. His activities and interests cover a wide range and at all times his progressive and loyal citizenship is manifest. He works for community interests as a member and director of the Chamber of Commerce and he is much interested in all kinds of athletics and all phases of outdoor life. In 1933 he managed the Crerar-Clinch Coal Company baseball team, and he is treasurer of the Majestic Fishing and Hunting Club and vice president of the Duquoin Field Trial Association.

On the 23d of October, 1915, Mr. Barron was married to Golda V. Johnson, a native of Perry county, Illinois, and a daughter of Joe E. and May Johnson. Mrs. Barron is a member of the Baptist church and that she is vitally interested in politics is shown in the fact that she is now secretary and treasurer of the Perry County Democratic Women's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Barron have one son, Philip V. Barron.

ELIJAH A. WEBB

In preparing a history of Illinois Democracy we are permitted to incorporate the life story of Elijah A. Webb, who has served his party in various public offices, always with ability, but who is perhaps even more widely known, in fact has an international reputation, as a breeder of Barred Rock poultry. His shipments have been made to all parts of the country and his name is a familiar one to many poultrymen across the water.

For many decades the Webb family has been represented in Franklin county, where Eli Webb was born in 1853. He devoted his life to school teaching, to farming and to merchandising. In politics he was a staunch democrat and held various political offices in his township. He was always very active in Masonry, exemplifying in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft, and for twenty years he held the office of clerk in the local camp of the Modern Woodman. He married Julia Harriss, who was born in Perry county, Illinois, a daughter of the Rev. Joe Harriss, a well known preacher of the Primitive Baptist Church, as was also the paternal grandfather of Mr. Webb. The political endorsement of both the Webb and Harriss families was given to the democratic party.

Elijah A. Webb was born in Franklin county in 1881, attended the public schools and afterward studied for a time in Ewing College. He then established a harness and implement business on his own account in Ewing when twenty-three years of age, conducting his store from 1904 until 1915. He afterward engaged in farming near Ewing until 1920, when he removed to Mulkeytown. The same year he was elected a member of the county board of supervisors and gave splendid account of his loyalty in matters of citizenship by the prompt and faithful manner in which he discharged the duties of that position. He was elected chairman of the board in 1923. Three years later he was appointed county superintendent of highways for a six years' term and was reappointed in 1932 so that he is still the incumbent in the office. He carefully looks after the interests of the public in the matter of good roads and his work has won him high commendation. His chief source of income, however, has been the breeding and sale of Barred Rock poultry and he enjoys the distinction of having been the originator of a breed of Blue Wave Barred Rocks, a breed that has made him known not only nationally but also internationally. For a decade he was a director of the Illinois State Poultry Association and he has served as state inspector of poultry. He is also a life member of the American Poultry Association and is a licensed judge of poultry.

Mr. Webb was married in 1904 to Adda E. Martin, a native of Franklin county, Illinois, and a daughter of S. A. D. and Leana (Browning) Martin. Her mother was a member of the well known Browning family, prominent in

farming circles in Franklin county. Mrs. Webb died in 1918. The following year Mr. Webb wedded Grace E. Silkwood, who was born in Mulkeytown, Illinois, and she also comes from one of the pioneer democratic families of Franklin county, and they have become parents of two children, Kathryn and Elijah Morris. Mr. Webb is a Mason and a Modern Woodman, well known in these orders because of his faithfulness to their teachings and purposes. However, he devotes much of his time and attention to his poultry interests and enjoys well deserved fame in this connection.

LOUIS J. VENEGONI

The name of Louis J. Venegoni, of Herrin, indicates his Italian ancestry. His father, Charles Venegoni, was born in Cuggiono, Italy, whence he came to the new world, arriving in America on the 5th of June, 1892. He was a coal miner and made his home in Murphysboro, Illinois, where he settled on his arrival in the United States. It was there he married Louise Bazzetta, also a native of Italy, who came to this country in 1894.

Their son, Louis J. Venegoni, was born in Murphysboro, Jackson county, Illinois, December 1, 1898, and he largely acquired his education in the grade and high schools of Herrin. Starting out in the business world, his first job was that of printer's devil on the Herrin Daily Journal, obtaining a position there in 1913. He remained in the office until 1921, winning various promotions and gaining an intimate and accurate knowledge of every phase of the printer's art. In the latter year he resigned and established a printing business on his own account, which he still conducts, making it a well managed and profitable enterprise.

On the 19th of February, 1925, Mr. Venegoni was married in Herrin to Miss Bertha Bagdonas, who was born in Puritan, Pennsylvania, and is a representative of a family that has always given support to the democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Venegoni have one son, Louis J., Jr.

Mr. Venegoni belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the International Typographical Union. Outside of business his activity chiefly centers in politics and he has always voted the democratic ticket since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He served as inheritance tax investigator in 1931 and 1932 and was alderman of Herrin in 1926 and 1927. In the latter year he entered upon a two years' term as chairman of the board of health of Herrin. He is now serving as precinct committeeman, for which office he was chosen in 1932 for a two years' term, and is a candidate for reelection. He is also filling the office of special agent for the Illinois Liquor Control Commission.

FRANK HESLER

Frank Hesler, a resident of Greenup who is maintenance foreman for District No. 5, was born in Jasper county, Illinois, May 25, 1889, his parents being William and Lanra E. (Wharton) Hesler, natives of Indiana and Ohio, respectively. The father came to Illinois in 1875, settling first in Dundas, Richland county, while subsequently he moved to Jasper county, where he followed farming to the time of his death on the 5th of March, 1928. In politics he was a staunch democrat who gave loyal support to the entire party ticket. He had survived his wife for a decade, her death having occurred July 7, 1918.

Frank Hesler acquired his education in the grade and high schools of Greenup and for five years after leaving school he followed mechanical pursuits in automobile shops of Colorado and Michigan. Returning to Greenup, he established a garage business on his own account and conducted it until April 7, 1933, when he was appointed by Governor Horner to the position of maintenance foreman of District No. 5. He has been active in democratic politics since attaining his majority and was made committeeman of Precinct

No. 1 of Greenup in 1922, since which time he has continuously served in this capacity. He was elected chairman of the Cumberland county democratic central committee in 1930 and served until 1934, directing the activities of the party and shaping its policy during that four-year period. He has attended many state, congressional and judicial conventions and his opinions carry weight among party leaders in his section of the state.

In 1913 Mr. Hesler married Edna Stewart, who passed away in 1917, leaving a daughter, Myrna N. In 1920 Mr. Hesler wedded Lillian Gaddis, of Macon county, and to them have been born six children, namely: Conrad W., Kenneth, Frank, Jr., William G., Rosemary and Wanda Jean. Mr. Hesler belongs to the Masonic fraternity and gives loyal support to the organization, believing firmly in its principles. He has many sterling traits of character which gain for him warm regard, and he has a wide acquaintance in this part of the state, where his friends are many.

GOTTLIEB JAMES FRICK

Gottlieb James Frick, truly a self-made man in the best accepted sense of that term, makes his home in Marion, and is serving as county sheriff of Williamson county. He has been a lifelong resident of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Franklin county, April 18, 1881, and he is a son of George A. and Anna (Sipple) Frick. The father's birth occurred near Red Bud, Illinois, in 1844, and he has followed farming and carpentering as a life work. The democratic party has always received his endorsement at the polls and he has held some minor offices in Franklin county. His wife was born in West Virginia and during her girlhood was brought by her family to this state, the trip being made by ox team. They settled near Red Bud, where her father followed farming, and he also gave his support to the democratic party.

Gottlieb J. Frick attended the public schools of Marion and for three years was a pupil in a German school, but his educational opportunities were somewhat limited, as necessity forced him to earn his own living when he was quite young. At the age of fifteen years he began working as a railway section hand for ninety-nine cents per day. Later he was employed in a general store in Belleville for two years, at the end of which time he went to Granite City, where he worked on street cars and in various stores until 1903. In that year he married Miss Pearl Wilbanks, a representative of a well known family of Jefferson county.

Mr. Frick and his brother about that time opened a grocery store in Venice, where he remained for about a year, and later removed to Johnston City, Williamson county, being employed in the coal mines until 1910. In that year he removed to New Mexico and homesteaded land near the town of Kenna, whereon he resided for fourteen months. He afterward spent two years as a street railway employe in El Paso, Texas, but in 1913 returned to Marion, Illinois, where he worked in the mines for two years. He afterward owned and conducted a grocery store for seven or eight years and then spent two years in the undertaking business in partnership with E. T. Hudgens, at the end of which time he sold out. Two months later, however, he reentered the undertaking business independently and is today well known as a funeral director in Marion.

Fraternally Mr. Frick is affiliated with various Masonic bodies, including the Eastern Star, and he is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of Pythias, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Improved Order of Red Men. He likewise belongs to the Lutheran Evangelical Church, while his wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Their family numbers four children: Irene, now the wife of C. Dunnean, a resident of Chicago; Howard, who is now attending the St. Louis University Institute of Law, after having spent four and one-half years in the University of Illinois; James A., a high school pupil in Marion; and William Douglas.

Mr. Frick's chief interest aside from business has been in the field of



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politics and he has ever been a stalwart democrat. In 1917 he was elected city commissioner of Marion and again in 1926. In 1930 he was elected sheriff for a four years' term in a county which normally gives a republican majority of five thousand, but he ran far ahead of his ticket, winning election by a vote of six thousand majority over the republican candidate. Moreover, he has the distinction of being the first democrat sheriff in Williamson county for twenty-four years, and in the discharge of his official duties he has fully measured up to the high standards of the office and to the confidence reposed in him, as shown by the extremely large vote that was accorded him. In April, 1934, he became the democratic candidate for county clerk. He has always led a very busy life and his activities have resulted in steady advancement, while his devotion to the public welfare has been manifest in many tangible ways.

W. ZOLLIE CARTER

The democratic party acknowledged the qualities of leadership in W. Zollie Carter, of Herrin, and his fitness for office by nominating him for sheriff of Williamson county in 1934. He had previously been on the police force and had acted as chief of police, a training well qualifying him for the duties of the higher position. His birth occurred near Herrin, Williamson county, June 11, 1898. His father, W. Jasper Carter, was born in Xenia, Clay county, Illinois, in 1874 and has devoted his active life to mining and farming. He has always been a democrat, loyally supporting the interests and principles of the party yet neither seeking nor desiring office for himself. He married Eva Johnson, who was born in Franklin county, a daughter of John Harvey Johnson, a farmer.

At the usual age, W. Zollie Carter entered the public schools of Herrin, passing through consecutive grades until he had completed a year's work in the high school. He then secured a position as bottom cager in the coal mines and served in that capacity for fifteen years, when he assumed public duties, having been appointed a member of the Herrin police force in 1932. The following year he was made chief of police and so excellent has been his record in maintaining order and promoting public safety that in April, 1934, he became the democratic candidate for the office of sheriff. He is a man of imposing physique, standing six feet and four inches in height and weighing two hundred and fifty pounds.

On the 24th of December, 1933, Mr. Carter was married to Eulah Webb, of Creal Springs, Illinois, a daughter of Sylvester Webb, a farmer, who belongs to one of the most stalwart democratic families of Williamson county and who has always been a staunch party advocate. Mr. Carter has membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Improved Order of Red Men. He holds to high ideals of citizenship and of public service and his record has gained him warm commendation.

MAJOR T. FLOWERREE

Major T. Flowerree, of Easton, Illinois, has to his credit many years of activity in democratic circles, his earnest support of and work for the party having produced substantial results. He is now chairman of the Mason county board of supervisors and his business interests center in agriculture. He was born December 27, 1889, on the farm in Crane Creek township, Mason county, which he still owns and occupies, being a son of William H. and Sarah F. (Duckett) Flowerree, natives of Virginia and Illinois, respectively. The father was a farmer and live stock breeder and was a stalwart democrat. Both he and his wife have passed away. A. W. Duckett, the maternal grandfather of Major T. Flowerree, was also an earnest worker in democratic circles and held a number of local offices, while the cause of education benefited by his service as a school director.

Major T. Flowerree mastered the elementary branches of learning in the

rural schools of Mason county, afterward attended high school in Havana and then entered the University of Illinois, in which he continued his studies for seven years, winning both the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in the College of Agriculture. In early manhood he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for ten years both in the grades and in high schools, spending the greater part of the period in Mason county. He was, however, for a time a teacher in Minnesota. He is now giving his attention to agricultural pursuits, to the grain trade and to the live stock business, and for fifteen years he has been an active worker in the Farm Bureau. In fact he is one of the prominent representatives of agricultural interests in this part of the state.

Mr. Flowerree has a military chapter in his life record, for he enlisted for service in the World war with the Thirty-first Division with which he sailed to England, where he became ill with influenza and was sent back to the United States. He is now an active member of the American Legion. His political endorsement has always been given to the democratic party and he has been precinct committeeman and a member of the local caucus committee. He has also served as a school director and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion, as does every measure that is calculated to promote the public good. He is chairman of the Mason county board of supervisors and was a democratic candidate for the office of representative in the 1934 primary from the thirtieth senatorial district. He is also chairman of the Mason County Wheat Production Control Association and his broad experience in operating a five-hundred acre farm well qualifies him for his work in this connection. He thoroughly knows agriculture from both the technical and practical standpoints and has done much to further the interests and welfare of the farmers in central Illinois.

V. R. FELLERS

V. R. Fellers, assistant manager for the American Radiator Company at Litchfield, was born in this city May 6, 1891, a son of J. Peter and Luella (Rea) Fellers, also natives of Illinois. The father passed away October 25, 1900, but the mother still makes her home in Litchfield.

V. R. Fellers, who was one of a family of two sons, obtained his education in the grade and high schools of Litchfield, pursuing his high school course for three years, after which he was a student in the Litchfield Business College for a year. He then entered the employ of the American Radiator Company as a bookkeeper and his capability and fidelity are indicated in the fact that he is still with the corporation. Steadily he has made his way upward, winning promotions through merit until he is now occupying the responsible position of assistant manager, with a considerable force of employes under his control.

On the 3d of June, 1913, Mr. Fellers was married to Miss Elizabeth Irene Campbell, a daughter of A. B. and Catherine (Haley) Campbell. Her father is a foreman at the plant of the American Radiator Company. Mrs. Fellers is one of a family of three children, her brothers being Joseph and Thomas Campbell. To Mr. and Mrs. Fellers has been born a son, Francis Tal, who is a graduate of the Litchfield high school and is now making a study of chemistry in the laboratory of the American Radiator Company. Mr. Fellers attends the Baptist Church, while Mrs. Fellers is a Catholic. He belongs to Elks Lodge No. 654 at Litchfield, to Litchfield Lodge No. 1634, L. O. O. M., and to the Antlers Club. His social qualities make for friendship, while his business ability has gained him high place in the business circles of his native city. As to his political affiliation no one need ever question his views. He comes of old democratic families in both the paternal and maternal lines and has never wavered in his loyalty to the party, for which he has consistently worked as opportunity has offered. He has been a delegate to state conventions and four terms was precinct committeeman. He was elected city treasurer about 1924, filling the office

for one term, and he is a trustee of the Litchfield Democratic Club, while of the Montgomery county central committee he is now secretary. In this respect he is doing much to shape the policy of the party in the county and he is a recognized leader in the democratic fold.

HON. JOHN DAY, JR.

Hon. John Day, Jr., of Hamburg, who has long been connected with farming interests in Calhoun county and who has filled various political positions here, having again and again been chosen for the office of county judge, was born November 2, 1872, near the city in which he still makes his home. His father, Bartholomew Day, a native of Ireland, was born May 20, 1829, and died September 6, 1903. He had come to America in 1868, taking up his abode at Hamburg, Illinois, after which he devoted his remaining days to farming. In politics he was a staunch democrat and in religious faith a Catholic. In December, 1870, he married Miss Mary Lynch, who was born in Ireland, April 16, 1848, and departed this life April 20, 1928.

John Day attended the public schools of Hamburg and continued his education in the Whipple Academy of Jacksonville, the Western Normal at Bushnell, Illinois, and the Western Illinois State Teachers College at Macomb. He then taught school for seven years as principal in Hamburg and did much to further the educational interests of the city by reason of the high standards which he always maintained. From an early age he was interested in politics and has always kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day, being ever ready to support his position by intelligent argument. A recognition of his ability on the part of his fellow townsmen led to his election to the office of county clerk of Calhoun county in 1906 and after a four years' term he was re-elected without opposition in 1910. In 1914 he was chosen county judge and was re-elected in 1918, 1922 and 1926. In 1934 he was once more made the democratic nominee for the office, and on the bench he has made a most creditable record, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial, his opinions being formed without personal bias and as a result of a comprehensive understanding of the law. His judicial opinions have never been reversed in sixteen years. His entire political record reflects honor and credit upon the party with which he is allied. In 1900 he attended the democratic national convention in Kansas City and in 1908 was a delegate to the state convention. Aside from his official duties he has other interests, being a well known horticulturist and owner of one of the large apple orchards of Calhoun county, comprising about one hundred acres.

On the 7th of September, 1904, Judge Day was married to Miss Addie M. Fowler and they have a family of three daughters and a son: Mary E., who is a graduate of Webster College of St. Louis and is now principal of the schools of Hamburg; Loretta M., who became the wife of Dr. P. A. Ritter and died April 8, 1934; Catherine F., and John W. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church.

ALBERT CLARENCE HILL

Descended from an ancestry whose loyalty to the democratic party has always been an outstanding feature in the family history, Albert Clarence Hill of Mason City manifests the same spirit of fidelity to the principles which have been advocated by his forebears. He was born in Mason county, Illinois, February 4, 1892, a son of Thomas N. and Westaria C. (Benscoter) Hill, both of whom were reared in this state. The father was a lifelong resident of Salt Creek township, Mason county, and followed the occupation of farming throughout his active career. The mother still survives.

Albert C. Hill had the usual experiences of the farm-bred boy, dividing his time between the work of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the farm tasks that were assigned him by parental authority. After his textbooks

were put aside he continued to follow farming until he entered the employ of the Avery Combine Company as their service man, traveling out of Peoria. For four years he occupied that position and on the 23d of January, 1933, he became highway maintenance patrolman. He was the first man to be checked in under the new regime in Illinois and he is now acting in this capacity, giving satisfactory service in the performance of his duties. He has always voted with the democratic party and for twelve years has occupied the position of precinct committeeman.

On the 2d of December, 1912, Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Miss Nida M. Shockey and they have one son, Duane Thomas. Mrs. Hill's people, like her husband's, were always active democrats and she, too, ever votes the party ticket. Mr. Hill belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and is well known throughout the county in which his entire life has been passed and where his course has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

HARRY J. COATES

Harry J. Coates came to Marseilles in 1918 and has since made his home here. In February, 1933, he was appointed highway maintenance patrolman and is now filling this position. He was born in Peoria, Illinois, March 21, 1903, and is a son of La Boyd and Margaret (Stack) Coates, both natives of Illinois, the latter now deceased, while the father is living in Chicago.

Harry J. Coates was educated in the schools of Peoria and was a youth of fifteen years when he came to Marseilles, where he is now widely and favorably known, having lived here for sixteen years. He first worked as a paper maker, with the National Biscuit Company, following that pursuit until he was called to serve in his present position as highway maintenance patrolman. His record in office now covers more than a year and a half and is commended by his superior officers. He is secretary of the Young Peoples Democratic Club of Marseilles.

In February, 1924, Mr. Coates was united in marriage to Irene McMahon and they are the parents of three children: Ronald, Richard and Beverly Ann. The religious faith of the family is that of Catholic Church and Mr. Coates is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, serving as treasurer of the local lodge.

BYFORD VAUGHN

Byford Vaughn, deputy sheriff of Franklin county and a resident of Benton, was born in Ewing, this county, March 26, 1888. His father, John A. Vaughn, whose birth occurred in Jefferson county, Illinois, in 1859, removed to Franklin county about 1880 and the period of his residence here was marked by great activity in support of the democratic party. For twenty-two years he filled the office of constable and from 1910 until 1914 was county sheriff. He had the distinction of being the only one who ever occupied that position who made the office pay its own way. As a means of livelihood he followed the occupation of farming, and death ended his labors in 1928. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Mary Dunbar, was born in Jefferson county, this state, a daughter of Sidney Dunbar, a farmer. All of his family, like the Vaughn family, were adherents of the democratic faith.

Byford Vaughn completed his education in Ewing College but did not graduate therefrom. His first political position was that of deputy sheriff under his father and he also served as deputy United States marshal under Cooper Stout until 1914, when illness compelled him to resign. While acting in that capacity he likewise served as constable for a time and for about five years was a member of the police force of Benton. When not in office he worked intermittently in the coal mines for thirteen years, covering the period from 1914 until 1930. In the latter year he was a candidate for the office of sheriff but was defeated by Browning Robinson, under whom he became deputy sheriff and



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is still acting in that capacity. However, in the primaries of 1934 he made the party candidate for sheriff, subject to the vote of the electorate in November.

On the 25th of December, 1921, Mr. Vaughn was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Sue Kniffen, who was born in Belle Rive, Jefferson county, Illinois, a daughter of Charles and Minnie Kniffen. Her father was a conductor on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad and he voted with the democratic party. Mrs. Vaughn is a school teacher and took active part in assisting her husband in the primary campaign of April, 1934. At the time of her marriage Mrs. Vaughn was treasurer of the village of Belle Rive and assistant Postmaster there under her sister, Mrs. Mayme Ham. She is a member of both the county and township Women's Democratic Club. She is also a past worthy matron of the order of the Eastern Star, past worthy high priestess of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, past oracle of the Royal Neighbors and sponsor of the Girl Scout Troop, No. 1, of Benton. She belongs to the Methodist Church, while his religious connection is with the Baptist Church, and fraternally he is a Mason. While he makes his home in Benton, he owns a small farm and greatly enjoys cultivating the land.

ARTHUR JOSEPH GAFFNEY

Arthur Joseph Gaffney is a veteran of the World war and in matters of citizenship has always been most loyal to the best interests of the community in which he makes his home and of Illinois, his native state. He resides in Joliet, where he was born September 9, 1896, a son of James and Elizabeth (Rocker) Gaffney, who are still residents of Joliet. While spending his youthful days under the parental roof Arthur J. Gaffney attended the schools of his native city and afterward began learning the machinist's trade, which he followed continuously until May 1, 1933, when he became a bridge operator. In this capacity he served until the 1st of August, 1934, when he was promoted to the position of assistant chief operator of all the state bridges at Joliet. This is a position of great responsibility, but he is found adequate to his duties and is rendering a valuable service to the public in this connection.

Mr. Gaffney's World war experience began when he entered the naval service in April, 1917. He volunteered the Friday after the United States declared war, this happening to be on the 13th of the month, but the proverbial unlucky day had no terrors for Mr. Gaffney. He served on the steamships Ohio, South Carolina and Montana and was advanced to first-class machinist mate, receiving an honorable discharge September 1, 1919. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old military comrades.

On June 27, 1927, Mr. Gaffney was united in marriage to Miss Edith Cleattera and they are the parents of two daughters, Betty Lou and Mary Ellen. The family attend the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Gaffney has voted with the democratic party, has long been recognized as one of its active workers in his native city and is now serving for the third term as precinct committeeman. Whatever he has achieved or accomplished in life is the direct outcome and reward of his persistent effort and capability. He has worked diligently in the performance of any duty that has devolved upon him and thus he has advanced to his present responsible position.

MRS. CARRIE (PRINDLE) THOMAS

Greatly interested in church and club work and in all that pertains to the intellectual, cultural and moral progress of her community, Mrs. Carrie (Prindle) Thomas of Mounds is well known. At the present time she is taking an active part in state relief work. A native of Villa Ridge, Pulaski county, Illinois, she is a daughter of D. W. and Lucy Prindle. Her father, who was a farmer and garage owner in Villa Ridge precinct, died in 1915, but the mother survives and makes her home in Mounds.

Their daughter, Carrie Prindle, obtained her early education in the elementary school at Villa Ridge, afterward continuing her studies in Mounds and at Cairo, Illinois, where, in 1916 she was graduated from the high school. She then entered the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale, from which she was graduated in 1918. For a year thereafter she taught in the Lincoln school at Carbondale and afterward spent one year as a teacher at Mounds, followed by a three month's vacation in the west. In 1921 she entered the employ of the Langen Lumber Company as a bookkeeper and so continued for a decade or until January, 1931, since which time she has been actively interested in church and club work. She aided in organizing the Junior Women's Club at Mounds, which she has sponsored for five years, and she has been equally prominent in the Senior Women's Club, doing community work. On the 7th of April, 1934, she received appointment as case aid in the social service department, employed by the Illinois Emergency Relief Association, an organization that will eventually do much more social service work than at the present time. She is a woman of broad sympathy and marked humanitarian spirit and is constantly reaching out to aid those in distress. She has always voted with the democratic party and has belonged to the women's organization of Pulaski county for about twelve years.

In 1925 Miss Prindle became the wife of Melvin Thomas, the proprietor of a barber shop in Mounds, who is now employed in Cairo. Mrs. Thomas is a member of the Eastern Star, of the Mounds Women's Club, of the Illinois State Teachers Association and of the Methodist Church. She has taken a most helpful interest in church work and taught a Sunday-school class for twelve years. While in Carbondale she did a form of social service work among the poor of that city. Her tact and understanding well qualify her for service of this character and her labors have brought help, benefit and hope to many, who entertain for her an undying sense of gratitude.

FRANK CAMPBELL, D. D. S.

Dr. Frank Campbell, who became active in democratic politics even before attaining his majority and who since 1932 has served as a member of the Lawrence county democratic central committee, is now practicing dentistry in Lawrenceville, where by reason of his professional skill and ability he has gained many patrons. Born in Xenia, Clay county, Illinois, June 5, 1903, the doctor is a son of Frank C. and Georgia Campbell, who were natives of Dixon, Kentucky, and removed to Illinois in 1897, settling in Clay county. The father was a graduate of the University of Louisville School of Medicine, in Louisville, Kentucky, and became a prominent physician of Xenia, Illinois, where in addition to the practice of his profession he occupied the presidency of the Xenia State Bank. His ability as a business man and his prominence as a citizen led to his election to the office of state senator in 1912 and he remained a member of the upper house of the Illinois assembly through 1920. He was appointed by the governor as commissioner of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, held in San Francisco, California, in 1915, acting as the Illinois representative there. Throughout his county he was a recognized leader in the democratic ranks and was prominently known to party workers throughout the state. He supported every measure for civic welfare and gave hearty allegiance to many plans for the benefit of town, county and commonwealth. He also served as a delegate to many of the state and national conventions of the democratic party and remained an active and honored resident of Illinois until his death in 1931.

In the acquirement of his education Frank Campbell attended the grammar and high schools of Xenia and of Flora, Illinois. Later he entered the St. Louis College of Dentistry, the dental department of St. Louis University, and received his D. D. S. degree upon graduation with the class of June, 1927. He then opened an office in Flora, Illinois, where he continued in practice until

1928, when he removed to Lawrenceville and opened his present office. In the intervening period of six years he has built up an excellent practice which is constantly growing in volume and importance. At all times he keeps in touch with the latest scientific discoveries affecting his professional work through his membership in the Wabash River Dental Association and the Illinois State and American Dental Associations. He belongs to the Psi Omega, a dental fraternity, and to the Reserve Officers Dental Corps.

In 1927 Dr. Campbell was married to Miss Frances Stanford, a native of Clay county, Illinois, and they have one daughter, Suzanne, and one son, Frank (III). The doctor is a popular member of the Elks lodge and of the Rotary Club, and his interest in community welfare and progress is indicated in his membership in the local Chamber of Commerce. As above stated, he has been a member of the Lawrence county democratic central committee since 1932, and he was one of the organizers of the Lawrence County Jeffersonian Club, of which he became the first secretary. He was a delegate to the democratic state convention of 1932 and attends all congressional, judicial and county conventions of his party.

ARNOLD V. SCOTT

Arnold V. Scott, who has served as treasurer of the Adams county democratic central committee since 1910, is actively engaged in business as the secretary and treasurer of the General Discount Corporation of Quincy, which he organized in association with Rolland M. Wagner in 1921. He was born at Camp Point, Adams county, Illinois, December 16, 1877, his parents being Winfield H. and Anna (Huber) Scott, the former born at Frederick, Illinois, January 1, 1847, and the latter at Quincy, this state, March 11, 1856. The paternal grandparents of our subject were William and Eleanor (Meisenheimer) Scott, natives of Xenia, Ohio, and Anna, Illinois, respectively. William Scott served in the Florida war against the Seminole Indians when a youth of sixteen years. At the outbreak of the Civil war he organized his own company at Clayton, Illinois, and he served as captain in the Eighty-fourth Illinois Infantry until the cessation of hostilities. At the battle of Shiloh he sustained an arm wound. He devoted his attention to the milling business throughout his active career, and he was a staunch democrat in politics. Winfield H. Scott was associated with his father in milling until the business was sold in 1885. In 1891 he removed to Quincy, Illinois, where he became a clothing clerk and made his home until his death, which occurred December 14, 1917. Fraternally he was affiliated with Camp Point Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he served as noble grand, while his religious faith was that of the Presbyterian Church. To him and his wife, who passed away January 28, 1908, were born three children, namely: Arnold V., of this review; Charles, who is deceased; and Bertha, who died at the age of ten years.

Arnold V. Scott was educated at the Chaddock School for Boys at Quincy and was a youth of about eighteen years when on the 15th of October, 1895, he obtained employment as messenger boy with the State Savings Loan & Trust Company of Quincy. He remained in the service of the institution for a quarter of a century and had been advanced to the position of discount clerk when he severed his connection therewith in 1921. The same year, in association with Rolland M. Wagner, a well known attorney of Quincy, he organized the General Discount Corporation, the business of which he has since successfully conducted in the dual official capacity of secretary and treasurer. On the 1st of September, 1933, he was appointed receiver of the Quincy Ricker National Bank & Trust Company and on the 15th of December following was named receiver of the First National Bank of Plymouth, the First National Bank of Hamilton, the First National Bank of Augusta and the First National Bank of Mount Sterling, all in Illinois. Mr. Scott has been an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party for twenty-five years and has served as

treasurer of the Adams county democratic central committee since 1910. In 1913 he was a candidate for county treasurer, but was unsuccessful in the primary running in a field of five. He has attended practically all state conventions of his party during the past quarter century, and he also attended the democratic national conventions at St. Louis in 1916 and at Chicago in 1932.

On the 21st of June, 1913, Mr. Scott was united in marriage to Agnes Gunther, a daughter of Robert C. and Anna (Flebbe) Gunther. Mr. Scott is a past master of Bodley Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of Quincy, and has also attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Masonry. He is likewise a charter member and past exalted ruler of Quincy Lodge No. 100 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A lifelong resident of Adams county, he enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance in this part of the state.

WILLIAM H. McALPIN

William H. McAlpin, who since his appointment in 1934 has been acting as postmaster at Marion, was born in Clinton, North Carolina, September 24, 1872, a son of James A. McAlpin, also a native of that state. The father devoted his life to farming and was ever a staunch democrat but never an office seeker. In 1876 he removed with his family to Williamson county, Illinois, and he passed away in a hospital at Carbondale at the age of seventy-four years. His religious faith was that of the Baptist Church, to which he gave loyal and earnest help. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Boney, was born in North Carolina, coming of a respected family of farmers who were also stalwart advocates of democracy.

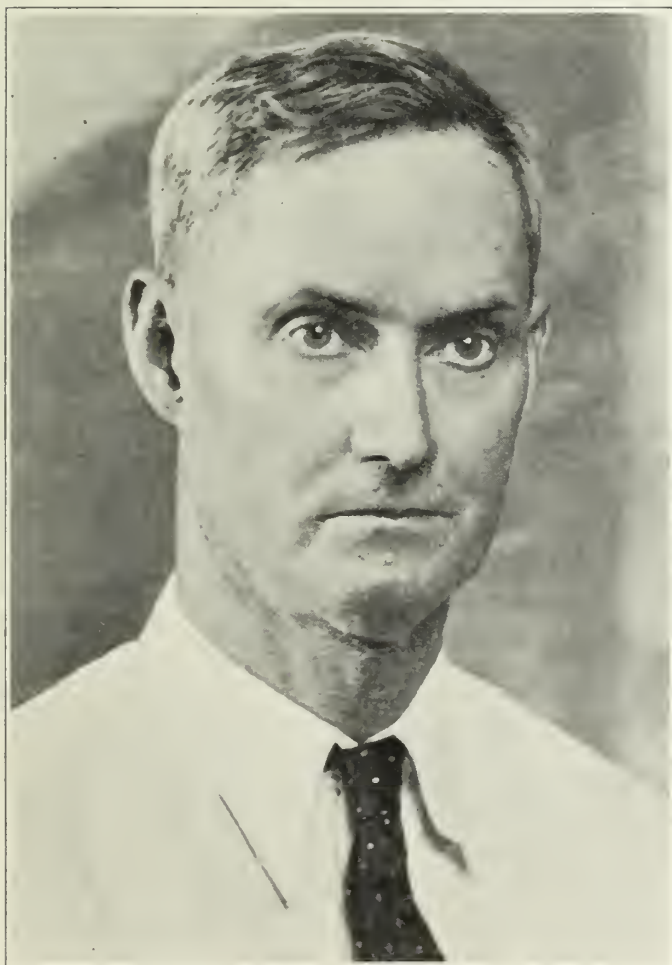
William H. McAlpin was largely reared in Williamson county, where he had but meager school privileges, owing to the necessity of providing for his own support when quite young. He has been connected with coal mining during the greater part of his life and filled the position of mine manager for the West Virginia Coal Company at Marion for nineteen years or until 1925. His association with mining interests was continued until 1931, when he was appointed a member of the Marion police force, in which capacity he served for two years. He was then made doorman in the capitol at Washington, D. C., and in 1933 he became an official of the Civil Works Administration. His next political position was that of acting postmaster of Marion, to which he was appointed in 1934, and he is now administering the affairs of the office in a prompt and business-like manner.

In April, 1897, in Williamson county, Mr. McAlpin was married to Miss Byrd Holland, a native of the same county. Her father, Jerome Holland, belonged to a large family, all of whom gave stalwart allegiance to the democratic party. Jerome Holland followed the occupation of farming as a life work. To Mr. and Mrs. McAlpin have been born six children: Glen, who is chief clerk in the coal mine at Dowell, Illinois; Baker, who is county manager for the Civil Works Administration in Franklin county; Benlah, the wife of Russell Jacobs; Helen; Mary Jane, the wife of Orville McMullin; and Isabel. Like the parents, all of the children are firm adherents of the teachings of democracy and never fail to respond to the call to register their belief at the ballot box. Mr. and Mrs. McAlpin are enrolled as members of the Baptist Church, and the former also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

CLIFFORD H. BELL

Clifford H. Bell, who makes his home in Decatur, is filling the office of county recorder of Macon county. His political allegiance has been given to the democratic party since he attained his majority and at various times he has been called to serve in positions of public honor and trust.

Born in Evansville, Indiana, March 30, 1891, Clifford H. Bell is a son of Harry H. and Laura C. (Blend) Bell. The father was born in Pennsylvania



WILLIAM H. McALPIN

and was a brother of J. C. Bell, who was lieutenant governor of that state and a republican leader there. Harry H. Bell, removing westward to Illinois, became a jewelry salesman and followed the business for several years but since 1895 has been engaged in the hotel business in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

It was in the public schools of Hot Springs that Clifford H. Bell pursued his preliminary education. He attended high school and afterward entered the University of Arkansas, from which he was graduated in 1911, pursuing a course in electrical engineering. He was then active along that line of business until 1918, when he enlisted in the Motor Transport Division of the American Army, receiving his discharge in 1919 following the close of the war. He then went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he engaged in the insurance business until 1920. In that year he came to Decatur, Illinois, where he engaged in the insurance business and also managed various mercantile stores until 1932, when he was called to public office. He has always been an active democrat since attaining his majority and he served as commissioner of accounts in Arkansas. In 1932 he was elected county recorder of Macon county, Illinois, and is now discharging the duties of the position. He always supports the entire ticket and he attended the democratic national convention held in Chicago in 1932, when Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for the presidency.

In 1920 Mr. Bell was united in marriage to Miss Eve B. Bolen, a native of Decatur, Illinois, and a daughter of Arthur O. and Emma (Braden) Bolen, the former being a prominent farmer of Macon county. Arthur O. Bolen has been an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party, formed the first democratic organization in his township and was at one time a candidate for the office of circuit clerk. Mr. and Mrs. Bell are the parents of a son, Morris. Like her husband, Mrs. Bell is an active democratic worker. Fraternally Mr. Bell is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Masons. In the latter organization he has attained high rank and is now a member of Ansar Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Springfield. He also belongs to the American Legion, to the Illinois State Records Association and to the Illinois Service Democratic League. As a citizen he is alert, ready for any emergency and for any opportunity. He seeks progress and improvement at all times and his labors have been effective and valuable to the party organization.

WILLIAM P. CARLTON

William P. Carlton, postmaster at Oblong, was born in Martin township, Crawford county, Illinois, August 13, 1890, a son of Charles P. and Johanna (Hughes) Carlton. The father was a native of Ohio and came to Crawford county in the early '70s, settling on land in Martin township, where he followed farming until his death in 1920. He voted with the democratic party, staunchly advocated its principles and served for many years as township supervisor. The cause of education also found in him a warm friend and for several years he served on the school board. His wife, who was born in Indiana, came to Illinois at the same time as her husband.

William P. Carlton, who was the seventh in order of birth in a family of eight children, attended the rural schools and continued his studies in the high school of Oblong. He started out in the business world as a clerk in a local clothing store and after clerking for some time joined his brother in the establishment and conduct of the Carlton Brothers clothing store, with which he was connected until 1924, when he sold out and established a real estate and loan business, which he conducted until his appointment to the position of postmaster on the 27th of September, 1933. This appointment naturally indicates his affiliation with the democratic party, which he has supported since reaching adult age. He is much interested in its success and for four years has served as precinct committeeman. He attends all of the local meetings of the party and has taken helpful interest in organization work. In 1918 he

was the unsuccessful candidate for circuit clerk. For two terms he served as alderman of Oblong and for four years was a member of the county board of review, at all times discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity.

On the 2nd of July, 1911, Mr. Carlton was married to Georgia Burroughs, a native of Crawford county and a daughter of Stull and Mary (Cunningham) Burroughs, who were of a pioneer democratic family of this section of the state. Her father was very active in the party and served as mayor of Oblong and as president of the village for several years before its incorporation as a city. He died in 1919 and is still survived by his widow. To Mr. and Mrs. Carlton have been born three children, Ruth, Rose Mary and Billie, aged respectively eighteen, fifteen and thirteen years. Like her husband, Mrs. Carlton is an interested supporter of democracy and belongs to the Crawford County Women's Democratic Club. Mr. Carlton belongs to the Jeffersonian Club and to the Chamber of Commerce, of which he was secretary for five years. Fraternally he is a Mason and a Woodman, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

FRANK B. WILSON

Frank B. Wilson, a member of the fifty-eighth general assembly, representing the tenth district, was born March 22, 1879, on the farm where he now lives in Woosung township, Ogle county, on Highway 26, between Dixon and Polo. His father, James P. Wilson, was a native of Blair county, Pennsylvania, born June 7, 1854. He was brought to Illinois in 1856, when but two years of age, the family settling in Lee county. He attended the public schools of Dixon and afterward became a pupil in Knox College at Galesburg, which he attended from 1872 to 1874 inclusive. He subsequently took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for a short time, and then began farming in partnership with his brother Theodore, a business relation that was maintained for one year. In 1876 James P. Wilson purchased the farm whereon his son Frank now lives, taking up his abode thereon the following spring. Here he remained until the fall of 1903, when he removed to Polo, where he continued for three years. He then purchased a tract of land adjoining the city limits on the south and there successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits. In 1881, when Woosung township was organized, he was elected its first supervisor and filled the position for four years, serving as chairman of the board during the last year. In 1886 he was elected to represent the tenth senatorial district, comprising Ogle and Winnebago counties, in the state legislature and served for the two-year period, making so excellent a record that in 1890 he was again elected to the office and once more in 1892. He participated in the famous hundred and one battle between John M. Palmer and William R. Morrison. In 1891 he served as chairman of the important committee on appropriations. After several years' retirement from the office he was again elected in 1900 and became minority leader of the house, which at that time was under republican rule. In 1902 he was elected for the fifth term to represent his district in the general assembly and his work in the house was of great importance, for he loyally stood for every measure which he believed would prove of benefit to the commonwealth. He studied carefully the questions which came up for consideration and his efforts were far-reaching and his influence a potent force in winning party successes. In 1913 he was appointed by Governor Dunne a member of the first state highway commission. In 1912 he was chosen a director of the Exchange National Bank of Polo and some years later was elected president by the board of directors and continued to fill the office until his death, which occurred May 3, 1923. His wife, whom he married February 8, 1877, bore the maiden name of Mary Rogers and was born in Lee county, Illinois, December 16, 1854, and passed away March 9, 1920. In the death of James P. Wilson, Ogle county lost one of her most distinguished and honored citizens, one who in many ways had left his impress for good upon the history not only

of his community but also of the commonwealth. To him and his wife were born two sons, the younger, Jay P., being a farmer near Polo.

The elder son, Frank B. Wilson, attended the public schools of Dixon and was graduated from high school with the class of 1897. He then pursued a course in the Dixon Business College, and as his father was very active in politics, he returned home to take charge of the farm. He is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of rich and arable land, has placed his fields under a high state of cultivation and gathers therefrom abundant crops. To the farm he has added various improvements and has a beautiful country home standing in the midst of a large and well kept lawn. At his father's death he was elected a director of the Exchange National Bank of Polo and later became its president, serving as such until 1931.

On the 12th of February, 1903, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Dora Miller, daughter of T. J. and Mary (Emmert) Miller, of Dixon. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of a daughter, Mary Frances, who is the wife of Claude Horton, of Dixon, and the mother of one child, Nancy Ann.

Mr. Wilson has never wavered in his allegiance to the democratic party and in 1921 was elected supervisor of Woosung township, Ogle county. This was followed by election to the same office in 1923, 1925, 1927 and 1931, and in 1927 the office was made a three years' term. He had been elected each time without opposition in a republican township, a fact indicative of the splendid record he made in the position. At length he resigned to become a member of the state legislature, for which he was first nominated in 1928. Though defeated in that year, he received so much encouragement from his many friends in both parties that he decided to make the race again in 1932, at which time he was elected by the largest majority ever given a candidate for the office in the district, receiving fifty-four thousand votes, or fourteen thousand more than his closest opponent. In the legislature he is serving on the committees on banks and banking, agriculture, roads and bridges, education, farm drainage and industrial affairs. On the banks and banking committee he is working untiringly, trying to draft new bank laws. Like his father before him, he has to his credit a highly commendable record as a lawmaker, for he is loyal to the best interests of the state in every way and his support can be counted upon to further any measure that he deems vital to the welfare and upbuilding of Illinois. He has attended a number of the state conventions and his opinions carry weight in party councils. Fraternally he is a Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, and he is also a past commander of Dixon Commandery, No. 21, K. T. His entire life has been passed in Ogle and Lee counties and the sterling worth of his character is attested by his friends, who are coextensive with the number of his acquaintances. As a business man, as a citizen and as a political leader he ranks very high and he is now taking an active part in shaping the history of the state through legislative procedure.

JOHN A. SHORT

One of the democrats of Menard, Randolph county, Illinois, who is considered a credit to the party and one whose prestige and reputation lend aid to the party, is John A. Short, who is president of the First State Bank, of Chester and chief clerk of the Illinois state penitentiary at Menard, to which position he was appointed March 1, 1933.

Mr. Short was born in Percy, Illinois, February 5, 1890, and is a son of Allen A. and Ella (Montieth) Short. The father was also born in Percy in the year 1857. He was a strong democrat, was county treasurer in 1890 and was a candidate for sheriff. Beginning in the farming industry, he later entered the grocery business with Jesse I. Meredith. Subsequently he joined Bernard Cohen in forming the Chester Supply Company, which was sold out in 1917, after which he retired to private life. His wife, the mother of John A., was born on a farm in Perry county and passed away in 1918.

John A. Short was educated in the grade and high schools of Chester, and later supplemented his studies with a business course in Quincy. From 1913 until 1917, he was associated with his father in the Chester Supply Company, but in the latter year his business activities were interrupted by his enlistment in the United States Navy, in which he served with merit until 1919. He was stationed in Cambridge and Boston, Massachusetts. In September, 1923, he started in the First State Bank of Chester and in his work he made wonderful progress. He was appointed chief clerk of the Illinois State penitentiary at Menard, Illinois, on March 1, 1933, and still retains this position.

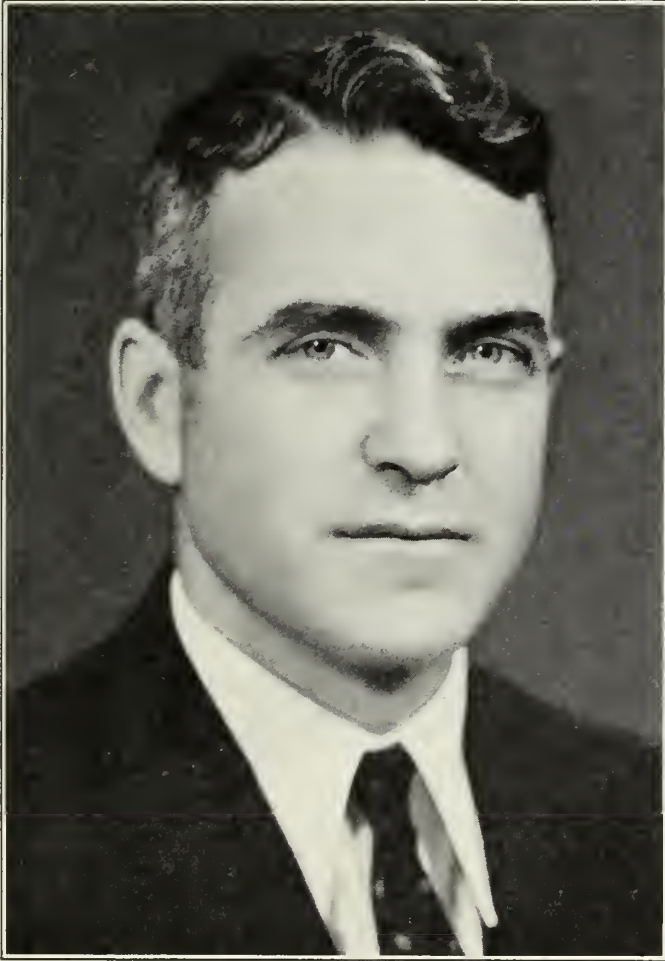
Mr. Short was married in May, 1922, to Miss Lillian Etherton, who was born in Jackson county, Illinois, and to them has been born one son, John A., Jr., who is ten years old (1934).

Mr. Short is a thirty-second degree Mason and also belongs to the Mystic Shrine. Likewise, he is a member of the Eastern Star, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the American Legion.

CAPTAIN KENNETH A. ELMORE

Captain Kenneth A. Elmore, managing officer of the Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home at Quincy, has to his credit a splendid record of public service. He was born in Gibbs, Adair county, Missouri, April 2, 1895, a son of Emry and Mamie (Grubb) Elmore. George Elmore, great-great-great-grandfather of our subject, served as a sergeant in the Revolutionary war, fought at Guilford Courthouse and was present at the surrender of General Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia. His name appears in the census of 1790 as a resident of Wilkes county, North Carolina, where his son, Elijah Elmore, was born. Thomas Elmore, great-grandfather of Captain Elmore, was also a native of Wilkes county, North Carolina, born in 1801, and married Annie Saylers. His son, John S. Elmore, paternal grandfather of Captain Elmore, was born on a farm four miles east of Rushville, Illinois, in 1831. About the year 1851 he married Nancy Tweedell, who was born near Rushville, Illinois, in 1833, and departed this life in 1911. John S. Elmore removed with his bride to Adair county, Missouri, took up about one thousand acres of land south of Gibbs and there made his home until his death, which occurred in 1879. His remains were interred in the Elmore cemetery on his farm.

Emry Elmore, son of John S. and Nancy (Tweedell) Elmore, was born on a farm about three miles south of Gibbs, Missouri, August 4, 1871, and followed agricultural pursuits in Adair county, that state, until about 1900. At that time he took up his abode in Gibbs, where he turned his attention to the carpenter trade. While a resident of Adair county, Missouri, he figured actively in local politics as a supporter of the democratic party and served as deputy sheriff and as justice of the peace. In 1907 he came to Illinois, locating in Quincy, where he resided until his removal to Los Angeles, California, in 1919. His religious faith is manifest in his affiliation with the Disciples of Christ. He was one of the organizers of the Christian Church of Gibbs, Missouri, and served as its Sunday school superintendent. Following his arrival in Quincy, Illinois, he taught the men's Bible class of the Christian Church. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his wife was a member of the Rebekahs. In early manhood he had married Miss Mamie Grubb, who was born in Novelty, Missouri, July 17, 1875, and who passed away December 26, 1919. She was a granddaughter of David and Harriett (McKellop) Grubb, who came to Illinois from the vicinity of Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Perry D. Grubb, father of Mrs. Mamie Elmore, was born at Liberty, Illinois, in 1840, and served in the Civil war as a member of Company E, Seventy-eighth Illinois Infantry, for four years. Following the cessation of hostilities he returned to Liberty but soon afterward went to Knox county, Missouri, where he taught



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school. There he formed the acquaintance of Nancy McClintick, who was born in Novelty, Missouri, in 1852, and whose hand he won in marriage. Thereafter he devoted his attention to farming pursuits in Knox county, Missouri, until his removal to Adair county, that state. In the latter county he was twice elected to the Missouri legislature on the republican ticket, serving in the general assembly from 1892 until 1896. His death occurred October 15, 1918, when he was seventy-eight years of age. As above stated, his daughter Mamie became the wife of Emry Elmore and by this union there were born ten children, as follows: Lola Florence, who married Burton Jones and passed away March 8, 1920; Kenneth A., of this review; Fern Anna, who is the wife of John Barbera, of Los Angeles, California; Leland Bland, of Los Angeles, California; Marjorie, who is the wife of Roy Price, of Los Angeles, California; Virginia, the wife of Robert Schenck, also of Los Angeles; Robert E., who is a sergeant in the Medical Corps of the United States Army and is now stationed at Fort McArthur; Joan, the wife of William Roberts, of Los Angeles, California; and two who died in infancy.

In the acquirement of an education Kenneth A. Elmore attended the public schools of Gibbs, Missouri, and Quincy, Illinois. He enlisted in Company F, Fifth Illinois Infantry, in 1912 and was commissioned second lieutenant on the 5th of April, 1915. His company was called into service March 26, 1917, and two days later he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. After training at Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, Lieutenant Elmore sailed for France with Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-third Machine Gun Battalion, Thirty-third Division, arriving in Brest, France, May 24, 1918. He served with his company in the British lines at Albert, France, for a short time and went to the Verdun sector on the 23rd of August. Thereafter he participated in the Meuse-Argonne offensive from September 26th to October 15th, was then assigned to the St. Mihiel sector and went into the line at Fresnes-en-Woevre and Saulx-en-Woevre, being at Saulx when the armistice was signed. He had been promoted to the rank of captain on the 22nd of August, 1918, and he was back in the United States on the 20th of May, 1919. Returning to Quincy, Illinois, Captain Elmore became superintendent of the warehouse of the Irwin Wholesale Paper Company. In May, 1923, he was appointed chief of police of Quincy, thus serving until 1925. The following year he was elected sheriff of Adams county, which office he filled most acceptably from December, 1926, until December, 1930, while subsequently he conducted a private detective agency in Quincy until the fall of 1933. It was on the 24th of November, 1933, that he was appointed managing officer of the Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home at Quincy, the duties of which position he is now discharging in a most satisfactory and highly efficient manner.

On the 10th of April, 1918, Captain Elmore was united in marriage to Helen Riley, daughter of Robert and Esther (Delaporte) Riley. Captain and Mrs. Elmore are the parents of four children, as follows: Ruth Ann, born August 2, 1920; Richard Kenneth, born March 31, 1922; James Emry, born December 5, 1927; and Joseph Arthur, born April 29, 1929.

Captain Elmore has membership in the Rotary Club and fraternally is affiliated with the following Masonic bodies: Herman Lodge, No. 39, A. F. & A. M.; Quincy Chapter, No. 5, R. A. M.; and Quincy Commandery, No. 77, K. T. His religious faith is that of the Christian Church. He is a member of the National Research Forum of Quincy and also belongs to a number of patriotic societies, including the American Legion, Forty and Eight, the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. He retains his connection as a member of the United States Army Reserve Corps with the rank of captain. He is national defense officer of the Third Division of the American Legion, Department of Illinois, and formerly he was defense officer of the Fifteenth District.

GEORGE B. WALKER

George B. Walker, who has the notable record of serving for eighteen terms as secretary of the democratic central committee of Alexander county, now fills the office of investigator for the state occupational tax in the southern division of Illinois and makes his home in Cairo. He was born in Fostoria, Illinois, in 1869. His father, William Walker, was born in Pennsylvania and died during the childhood of his son George. He was a sawmill operator and he always voted with the democratic party. He married Sarah Klingsmith, likewise a native of the Keystone state, her father having been a Pittsburgh tailor.

During the early youth of George B. Walker his parents removed with their family to Portland, Michigan, where he attended the public schools, taking the high school work as well as the course in the grades. He was also for a brief period a student in the University of Michigan. In early life he learned the printer's trade and became a member of the printers' union. In 1897 he returned to Illinois and for a time was advertising man on the Cairo Morning Bulletin. Later he assumed control of this paper and continued its publication until 1912, when he sold out and since then has conducted a commercial printing shop. He then again purchased the Bulletin with the backing of George Brennan, who died, however, before the project was well under way. Mr. Walker continues the commercial printing business but gives much of his time to political activity. He served for eight years under the administration of President Wilson as internal revenue collector in charge of the Cairo office, and he is now investigator for the state occupational tax in the southern division of Illinois. His record of eighteen terms' service as secretary of the county central committee of the democratic party indicates his devotion to the cause and his unflagging efforts to promote party successes. He is also secretary of the congressional committee from the twenty-fifth district and he has been a delegate to several democratic national conventions, including those held at Houston, Texas, and Baltimore, Maryland.

In 1894 Mr. Walker was married to Miss Julia T. Kemper, of St. Charles, Missouri, and they are now parents of a family of four children: Mrs. Beatrice O'Kane, a widow, who was appointed field agent for the Illinois School for the Blind and is very active politically; Gale, the wife of H. G. Milligan, a resident of Birmingham, Alabama; Henry, who is a student in the Illinois College at Jacksonville; and Alyce, at home.

FRANCIS MICHAEL MURPHY

Francis Michael Murphy, deputy county treasurer of Sangamon county and a resident of Illiopolis, in which town he was born November 14, 1901, is a son of M. I. and Margaret (Galligan) Murphy, who were natives of Illinois. The father, who reached the age of seventy-two years, was actively engaged in farming. He had always been an ardent democrat and had held local offices in Illiopolis and had also been precinct committeeman. The mother has passed away and the father died July 11, 1934.

Francis M. Murphy passed through consecutive grades in the public schools of Illiopolis until graduated from the high school in 1920. He afterward studied for two and one-half years at the Southeast Missouri State Teachers College in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and then taught school for one year in Sangamon county. He next became principal of the Hough school at North Dupo, sometimes known as East Carondelet, Illinois. Subsequently he worked with his father on the farm and while thus engaged became active in politics, carefully considering the vital political questions and giving staunch allegiance to the democratic party. He is serving his fourth term as precinct committeeman from the Illiopolis Precinct No. 2 and on the 1st of December, 1933, he was appointed deputy county treasurer of Sangamon county under H. H. Mason, with whom he is still serving. He is closely allied with the organized efforts to promote the interests of democracy, being a member of the Jefferson Society

of Sangamon county, in which he previously served on the executive committee, the Illinois Young People's Democratic League and the Roosevelt-Horner Democratic Organization. Fraternally he is associated with the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen of America. Several times he has served as a delegate to the state conventions and in large measure his activities have centered upon political interests, with unfailing support of the principles in which he believes.

CHARLES A. STRAKA

Charles A. Straka, a resident of Milledgeville, well known by reason of his activities as a bank receiver, comes to Illinois from Iowa. He was born in New Albin, in the Hawkeye state, August 16, 1875, a son of Frank and Anna (Shimerigal) Straka, the former a native of Germany.

The public school system of his native town afforded Charles A. Straka his early educational privileges and following his graduation from the high school at New Albin he entered the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso. When his course there was completed he turned his attention to railroad work, in which he engaged for about twenty-seven years. He was with the Milwaukee and Northwestern roads for about two years and later spent a quarter of a century in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. In the fall of 1895 he removed to Ogle county, Illinois, and was agent at Hazelhurst for seven years. He afterward spent a year at Dubuque, Iowa, as ticket agent and then came to Milledgeville, Carroll county, Illinois, as agent, so serving until 1922, when he became vice president of the Shumway State Bank. He served in that capacity until 1932 and on the 12th of January, 1934, he was appointed receiver for the First National Bank at Savanna. On the 5th of March, 1934, he was appointed receiver for the First National Bank of Chadwick.

On the 30th of September, 1896, Mr. Straka was united in marriage to Hannah E. McPherson, a native of Ogle county. In his fraternal relations he is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. Politically he has always been a democrat and has been quite active in party work since coming to Carroll county. In 1914 he was elected precinct committeeman and has served continuously since, covering a period of twenty years, being reelected at each biennial period. He does all in his power to further the interests and promote the successes of the party organization. His wife was appointed committeewoman for Carroll county in 1932, is at present county parole officer for this county and is recognized as an outstanding political leader among the democratic women of this part of the state. She is on the speakers' list and during the campaign of 1932 made speeches in Carroll and adjoining counties, being a tireless worker in behalf of the principles in which she so firmly believes.

MARVIN T. WHITE

Marvin T. White, machinist at the Southern Illinois Penitentiary of Chester, is a resident of Carbondale who has served as precinct committeeman for some time. He was born in Carbondale, Jackson county, Illinois, September 9, 1899, his parents being John and Mary (Isman) White, the latter a native of South Bend, Indiana. The maternal grandparents of our subject lost their lives in the great Chicago fire of 1871. John White, father of Marvin T. White, was born in Salem, Illinois, in 1862 and became a resident of Carbondale while still a child. He was one of three brothers, all of whom became blacksmiths and metal workers. His brother, C. E. (Kid) White, figured very prominently in political circles, holding numerous offices in Carbondale. John White was also an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party.

Marvin T. White acquired his early education as a public school pupil of his native city and subsequently completed two years' high school work at the Southern Illinois State Normal University of Carbondale. Appointed a machinist in the shops of the Illinois Central, he was thus connected with the railroad from 1916 until 1920 and was thereafter retained in its employ

until 1932. The following year he was appointed to his present position as machinist at the Southern Illinois Penitentiary of Chester. A very aggressive democrat, Mr. White has served for some time as precinct committeeman and has been an effective worker in the local ranks of the party. He belongs to the International Association of Machinists, while fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons and the Modern Woodmen of America. He resides at 405 North Washington avenue in Carbondale and is widely known as one of the representative and popular young native sons of the city.

FLOYD J. TILTON

Federal service in Ogle county finds a representative in Floyd J. Tilton, who is now postmaster of Rochelle and who is one of the well known residents of the county, where he has spent almost his entire life. He was born at Chana, in Pine Rock township, May 24, 1875, his parents being William W. and Alice (Canavan) Tilton. The father was born in Knox county, Ohio, November 23, 1842, and his life record covered the intervening years to April 14, 1913, when he passed away. He had become a resident of Ogle county, Illinois, in 1850, at which time he took up his abode on a tract of land in Pine Rock township, where he long followed the occupation of farming. In 1892 he was appointed postmaster of Chana and filled the position for four years. In 1896 he removed to Rochelle, where he spent his remaining days. He believed firmly in democratic principles, always voted the party ticket and served in the county democratic organization. He attended several of the state conventions as a delegate, including the one in which John P. Altgeld was nominated for governor. His life was actuated by strong religious faith and he was a helpful and loyal member of the Church of God. His widow, who was born in Ireland in August, 1845, survived him for a number of years, her death occurring in 1921.

Floyd J. Tilton mastered the elementary branches of learning in the rural schools of Pine Rock township and afterward entered the Rochelle high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895. He then took a teachers' training course and taught school for two years but in 1897 entered the Northwestern University Law School, in which he completed a course in 1900, being admitted to the bar the same year. In 1901 he located for practice in Kewanee, Illinois, where he remained until 1907 and then came to Rochelle, where he has practiced since. However, he left Northwestern University to enter the army April 26, 1898, for service in the Spanish-American war, becoming a member of Company M, Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served in the campaign in Porto Rico under General Miles and received his honorable discharge January 16, 1899. Following his admission to the bar he entered upon active law practice and throughout the intervening years he has been closely associated with public interests in Ogle county, always giving his aid and cooperation to movements for the general good. He has been an active worker in the democratic party since attaining his majority and he cast his first presidential vote for William Jennings Bryan. He served as precinct committeeman and was a member of the executive committee of the democratic party of Henry county while living at Kewanee. In 1904 he was a delegate to the convention in Peoria. Since his removal to Rochelle he has continuously been a member of the Ogle county democratic organization. He served for two terms, or four years, as chairman of the county central committee and did important work in guiding the interests of the party during that period. In 1912 he was the democratic nominee for the position of state senator and in 1914 was nominated for the office of representative to the state legislature. He has frequently been a delegate to the state conventions and in 1916 he attended the democratic national convention which met in St. Louis and again was a visitor at the national convention held in Chicago in 1932. On the 31st of May, 1934, he was commissioned postmaster of Rochelle and is now filling the office. During the World war



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period he served as the democratic member of the local draft board.

On the 11th of June, 1908, Mr. Tilton was united in marriage to Mertha C. Bailey and they are the parents of five children, as follows: Mary N., John W., Norval B., Catherine L. and Charles F. Mr. Tilton belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In the former he has taken the degrees of the lodge, the chapter and commandery, and he faithfully follows the teachings of the craft, for he is a firm believer in the principle of the brotherhood of man. Practically a lifelong resident of Ogle county, he has a very wide acquaintance within its borders and his life story, which is an open book to his fellow townsmen, has gained him the regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

THOMAS DESPER

Thomas Desper, a bridge tender living near La Salle, was born in La Salle township, La Salle county, Illinois, March 17, 1880. His parents, James and Kate Desper, both of whom have now passed away, were active adherents of the democratic party and the mother frequently made speeches at the picnics which were held in support of the Bryan campaign. They always resided in La Salle and were widely and favorably known in this locality. Their son, Ralph Desper, is now the democratic nominee for county sheriff and previously made the race for the office on two other occasions, once being declared elected but being counted out on the recount.

Thomas Desper obtained his education in the public schools of his native township and became a farmer, having early been trained to the work of the fields. He continued to follow agricultural pursuits until February, 1933, when he became bridge tender at the La Salle bridge and is now acting in this capacity. He has been precinct committeeman for twenty-two years, dating back to the time when there were only three democratic votes in his precinct—those cast by himself, his wife and one other. Either Thomas Desper or his brother Ralph has continuously served as precinct committeeman in this precinct since its organization, but Thomas Desper has never been an office seeker, working always for the party because of his belief in its principles and not with any desire for nor hope of political gain.

In January, 1923, Mr. Desper was united in marriage to Mrs. Anna Allen, who has always been an active supporter of the democratic party. By a former marriage Mrs. Desper is the mother of one son, John, and by her second husband has three children, Thomas Joseph, James Alexander and Catherine Julian Desper. The family is well known in La Salle county, where Mr. Desper has spent his entire life and where his many friends esteem him highly by reason of his personal worth.

MILTON M. DEAN

Milton M. Dean, head farmer at the Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home at Quincy, was born July 21, 1892, on a farm in Gilmer township, Adams county, his parents being D. J. and Susan (Yeargain) Dean. The father was born in Burton township, Adams county, and followed farming there throughout practically his entire life. He always voted the democratic ticket and was a staunch advocate of party principles. He died in 1927 and is still survived by his widow, who was born in Gilmer township, Adams county. The family was founded in Illinois by George W. Dean, grandfather of Milton M. Dean. He was born in Ohio and wedded Mary Hughes. In young manhood he came to Adams county, settling on a farm. He studied law and was admitted to the bar, but farming always remained his principle activity. In politics he, too, was a democrat, giving loyal support to the party, and he served for one term as a member of the house of representatives in the state legislature and for two or three terms as a member of the state senate. He attended practically all of the county and many of the state conventions of his party and he was a

forceful, entertaining and convincing speaker who was ever ready to support his position by intelligent argument.

Milton M. Dean pursued his education in the public schools of Adams county and when his school days were over secured employment with the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, with which he remained for four or five years before entering the army. In April, 1918, he joined the American troops and was assigned to the Third Trench Mortar Battalion. He went to France in July, 1918, and returned to his native country in January, 1919, receiving his discharge on the 4th of February following. Since leaving the army he has carried on farming in Burton township, Adams county, and on the 15th of May, 1933, was appointed head farmer of the Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Home at Quincy. His previous agricultural experience well qualified him for the position and he is doing excellent work in this connection.

On the 25th of November, 1919, Mr. Dean was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Spangler. He is a Mason of high rank, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the Quincy Consistory. He also has membership with the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Loyal Order of Moose, and he belongs to the American Legion and to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He has never failed to vote the democratic ticket since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and is recognized as one of the active party workers in Adams county. He served for three years on the board of supervisors from Burton township but resigned when he received his present appointment. He attends all local conventions of the democratic party and he has given many tangible proofs of his loyalty in all matters of progressive citizenship.

CHARLES M. KEITH

Among the progressive and enterprising business men of Clay City is numbered Charles M. Keith, a well known dealer in hardware and lumber. He is entitled to mention in this work as an active democrat who is now serving as precinct committeeman of Clay City and who has otherwise been closely connected with democratic politics in the state. He was born in Wayne county, Illinois, November 28, 1903, a son of Earl A. and May (Harrington) Keith, who are also natives of Wayne county, where their respective people settled in 1876, removing westward from Ohio. The grandfather in the paternal line was Charles H. Keith, who became a recognized leader of the democratic party in Wayne county and who served for several years as committeeman. He was also chairman of the Wayne county democratic central committee and was frequently a delegate to the judicial, congressional and state conventions of his party. During the Bryan campaign of 1896 he was particularly active, being a stalwart admirer of "the great commoner." In a word he was one of the recognized leaders of his party and was a very prominent resident of his section of the state. His son, Earl A. Keith, a live stock dealer, is also a staunch supporter of the democratic party.

Charles M. Keith was educated in the public schools of Rimard, Illinois, the high school at Flora and in the James Millikin University at Decatur, from which he was graduated in 1926 with the Bachelor of Science degree. Making his initial step in the business world, he secured a position as manager of the order and billing department of the Sexton Manufacturing Company at Fairfield, Illinois, where he remained for a year. In 1927 he removed to Flora, where he was employed until 1929. He then entered the hardware and lumber business at Clay City and here he has since operated, gaining a good trade and maintaining one of the foremost commercial enterprises of the community. He has always, like his father, been a supporter of the democratic party and became an active factor in its ranks on attaining his majority. He was elected precinct committeeman of Clay City in 1934 and was a delegate to the democratic state convention held the same year in Springfield. He likewise belongs to the Jeffersonian Club and any movement instituted for the legitimate up-

building of the party receives his endorsement and support.

In 1928 Mr. Keith was married to Miss Margaret Durland, a representative of a prominent family of Fayette county, and they now have one child, Audrey Kay. The parents are members of the Christian Church and loyally follow its teachings, while in his fraternal relations Mr. Keith is a Mason. He is likewise a member of the Business Men's Club of Clay City and he supports every project that tends to advance the civic welfare and municipal up-building of the community.

BERT A. MOLOHON

Bert A. Molohon, who is the local director at Peoria of the state police, was appointed to this position in 1933 thru Max Lieberman and is fearlessly and faithfully discharging the duties that devolve upon him. A native son of Illinois, he was born at Pawnee, Sangamon county, November 9, 1897, his parents being James A. and Frances (Pollard) Molohon. The father's birth occurred in Sangamon county, Illinois, his father being James Molohon, Sr., who was a well known pioneer of that section of the state. Dennis Pollard, the grandfather of Bert A. Molohon in the maternal line, was born in County Cork, Ireland, as was his daughter Frances, who became the wife of James A. Molohon. By this marriage there were born five children: Bert A.; Vernon, who is engaged in the cigar business in Springfield, Illinois; Geneva, the wife of Charles Wenner, in the electrical business in Cleveland, Ohio; Carletta, and Cleone. Of this family, Geneva became a teacher and was connected with the schools of Taylorville and of Kineaid, Illinois.

Bert A. Molohon completed his education in the Pawnee high school and, starting out in the business world, became a salesman for the wholesale grocery house of the Jageman-Bode Company of Springfield, Illinois. Subsequently he acted as salesman with the California Packing Corporation. In the meantime he had established his home in Peoria and here enjoyed a wide acquaintance, especially among merchants. His interest in politics became well known and the democratic party recognized his efficiency as a worker in its ranks. He was chosen to manage the campaign when Mayor O'Brien was candidate for the office of Peoria's chief executive and following the election was appointed by Mr. O'Brien to the office of collector of special assessments. Later he accepted his present position as local director at Peoria of the state police and has under his control twenty-seven members of the state police force. He will be in charge of the headquarters of the party for the fall campaign.

Mr. Molohon married Miss Margaret Wolfe, who was born in Springfield and is a daughter of Edward J. and Mary Wolfe. The children of this marriage are Shirley Jean and James Patrick. Mr. Molohon is the grand knight of Spalding Council, No. 427, of the Knights of Columbus and he also has membership with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 158, at Springfield, Illinois. He is widely and favorably known in Peoria, where his circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

WILLIAM E. DARRELL

William E. Darrell, of Wauconda, who is a member of the highway patrol, was born in Lake county, Illinois, northwest of Wauconda, in 1902. His parents, Willard and Edith Darrell, make their home on a farm near Wauconda, the father having devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. He has always been a democrat, voting for the men and measures of the party, and he was made a precinct committeeman when the democrats came into power at the recent election.

In the acquirement of an education William E. Darrell attended the Slocum Lake Grade school and afterward spent three years as a high school pupil in Wauconda. He was an active assistant of his father on the farm until he reached the age of eighteen years and subsequently followed construction work in various places, doing much labor of that character on the lake homes of this

part of the county. When the recent democratic administration came into power he was made a highway maintenance helper and was later promoted to the position of highway maintenance patrolman, in which capacity he is now serving. He does not lightly regard the duties of his position but works faithfully and earnestly to give a service to the state that will be of real benefit. He has been an active democrat since reaching his majority and he is a member of the Wauconda Democratic Club.

In July, 1930, Mr. Darrell was united in marriage to Miss Evelyn Roether and they are the parents of two children, George and Marilyn. The family is well known in Wauconda and throughout this section of Lake county, where Mr. Darrell has always lived and where he has a large circle of warm friends—a fact that is indicative of a well spent life.

EDWARD G. ZILM

Edward G. Zilm, a resident of Streator and chairman of the democratic county central committee of La Salle county, is a well known party representative and has filled various offices. Born in Marshall county, Illinois, March 22, 1875, he is a son of William and Minnie (Rinkenberger) Zilm, both of whom came to the United States from Germany and have now passed away. They spent their lives in Marshall county, having located there in the early '50s. They lived upon a farm, Mr. Zilm devoting his entire time and attention to the work of the fields. In politics he was a democrat and for many years filled the office of township supervisor. He also served as assessor and collector and was very active and influential in local affairs. He was also an earnest supporter of the church and equally loyal to the cause of education, doing everything in his power to advance the intellectual and moral progress of the community. He and his wife were members of the German Lutheran Church, but as there was no congregation of that denomination in the community, they became active members and workers in the Presbyterian Church until such time that they were able to organize a Lutheran congregation in the late '70s after which they became active members of it. All who knew them entertained for them the highest respect, to which they were well entitled by reason of their upright lives.

Edward G. Zilm, while spending his youthful days under the parental roof, attended the local grade and high schools at Streator and then started out to provide for his own support by obtaining employment in the office of a coal mining concern. He came to Streator to enter the employ of Daniel Heenan & Company and was afterward with the Riverbank Coal Company. Subsequently he obtained a position with the Howe Coal Company, with which he remained for seventeen years as head of the office, his long connection therewith indicating unmistakably his fidelity to duty and his capable service. In 1916 he turned his attention to the insurance business and he has for a number of years been secretary of the Peoples Building & Loan Association, which is the largest in Streator.

At various periods Mr. Zilm, like his father, has been called to public office. For four years he filled the position of city clerk and for an equal period was county treasurer and for four years was probate clerk. Beginning in 1918, he entered upon a six years' service as commissioner of streets and alleys of Streator and on the 26th of April, 1933, he became a member of the pardon and parole board of Illinois by appointment of Governor Horner. In 1932 he was elected chairman of the democratic central committee of La Salle county and is still filling that position, having been re-elected in 1934. Previously he had served as secretary of the county organization from 1914 until 1916, and he was a delegate from La Salle county to the convention which nominated Woodrow Wilson in Baltimore in 1912. He has also been a delegate to practically all state conventions for the last twenty years and an alternate to several national conventions and was a visitor to the Chicago convention in



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1932. In 1932 he organized the first women's democratic organization in La Salle county and his labors have been a far-reaching force in advancing democratic successes in this part of the state.

In 1894 Mr. Zilm was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Parrett, of Ottawa, Illinois, and they became the parents of a daughter, Pauline, who passed away in 1928, following her twenty-first birthday. Mrs. Zilm is very active in church and social affairs. Mr. Zilm is a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Streator Club. Both Mr. and Mrs. Zilm belong to the Park Presbyterian Church and fraternally he is a Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite and to the Commandery in the York Rite. He is also an Elk. He takes an active interest in everything that pertains to the progress of city and state and his support is given to any measure that he deems of worth to the individual and to the community at large.

FRANK STORCKMAN

Frank Storekman, who in 1931 was appointed overseer of the poor at Mount Carmel and who also directs important business interests, was born in Lawrence county, Illinois, October 14, 1869, a son of August and Eliza (Boden) Storekman. His parents, who were natives of Germany, came to the United States prior to the Civil war and established their home in Lawrence county, where the father was active in business as a cooper and as a farmer. In politics he was a staunch democrat, voting with the party from the time that American citizenship was conferred upon him.

Frank Storekman acquired a country school education but put aside his textbooks when comparatively young to devote his entire time and attention to farming, which he followed in his native county for six years. He then established his home in Lancaster, Wabash county, where he conducted a general store for five years. In the meantime he had become well known and in 1902 received appointment to the position of deputy sheriff of Wabash county, in which capacity he served until 1905. He then entered the grist and grain business at Mount Carmel, continuing active therein for seven years or until 1912, when he established an automobile business which he carried on until 1915. In that year he was appointed postmaster by President Woodrow Wilson and occupied the position until 1921, when he again entered the automobile business, in which he remained active until 1926. Since the latter date he has had charge of the farms of the Midwest Bank of Edwardsville, Illinois, and displays marked business ability in the management of these interests. He further broadened the scope of his activities when in 1931 he accepted appointment to the position of overseer of the poor of Mount Carmel.

In politics Mr. Storekman has always been an active democrat since attaining his majority. When twenty-one years of age he was elected tax collector of Lukin township, Lawrence county, and served in that position for four years. He was also precinct committeeman of Lancaster during his stay there and after his removal to Mount Carmel was made precinct committeeman of the third precinct, in which position he continued until 1928. In 1896 he was chosen chairman of the Bryan committee of his county and for twenty years he has been chairman of the Wabash county democratic central committee, most wisely directing the affairs of the party organization during this extended period. He marshals the party forces with the precision of a military commander and has been very successful in getting out the full strength of the party. In 1909 his fellow townsmen elected him to the office of mayor of Mount Carmel and for two years he remained the executive head of the municipality, during which time he introduced various needed reforms and improvements. The cause of education has also found in him a stalwart champion and for several years he served on the school board. He has taken active part in campaign work by addressing public gatherings in support of the entire ticket through a period of forty years and he has been a delegate to

many congressional, judicial and state conventions, having a wide acquaintance among the leaders of democracy throughout Illinois.

On the 14th of February, 1892, Mr. Storekman was united in marriage to Miss Sallie Schwartz, a daughter of William and Carolina (Grisener) Schwartz, of Lawrence county, who were representatives of one of the pioneer democratic families there. Mr. and Mrs. Storekman have had a family of six children: Fred H., living in Carlisle, Indiana; Evelyn, who is the widow of Eugene Larner, of St. Louis; Mabel, the wife of Charles E. Fischer, of Wabash county, Illinois; Clem F., a practicing attorney of St. Louis; Eugene, deceased; and Mary E., at home. The family is widely and favorably known in Mount Carmel and throughout Wabash county, occupying an enviable social position. Fraternally Mr. Storekman is connected with the Elks and with the Woodmen and enjoys the warm friendship of his brethren of those organizations.

PAUL B. LAUGEL

Paul B. Laugel, postmaster at Newton, where for a number of years he has been well known as a dealer in automotive equipment and farm implements, was born in Jasper county, Illinois, December 11, 1890, a son of Severine F. and Minnie (Schackmann) Laugel, who were also natives of Jasper county. The grandfather in the paternal line was born in Alsace-Lorraine and came to the United States in the late '50s, settling in Sainte Marie, Jasper county, Illinois, where he engaged in merchandising. His son, Severine F. Laugel, became a school teacher and was also one of Jasper county's largest landowners, having at the time of his death in 1928 about three thousand acres of rich and valuable land. In 1910 he organized the Sainte Marie State Bank and was its president until his demise. He was always a staunch democrat and a liberal contributor toward party expenses. For over thirty years he served on the city council and took a keen and helpful interest in advancing municipal welfare. His widow survives and yet makes her home in Newton.

After attending the public schools of his native county Paul B. Laugel entered Brown's Business College at Terre Haute, Indiana, and thus qualified for life's practical and responsible duties. Returning home, he has throughout most of the intervening period been closely associated with political and business activities in Newton. He was deputy circuit clerk from 1908 until 1912 and in the latter year became identified with the Wells Fargo Express Company in Chicago, where he remained until 1915. He then returned to Jasper county and established his present business at Newton, handling an extensive line of automotive equipment and farm implements, in which connection he has won a substantial trade. He is also vice president of the Sainte Marie State Bank.

In 1921 Mr. Laugel was married to Miss Edna Leffler, a native of Jasper county, Illinois, and a daughter of Douglas Leffler, one of the prominent supporters of democracy in Jasper county who served at one time as its sheriff. Mrs. Laugel is a member of the Jasper County Women's Democratic Club.

In May, 1918, Mr. Laugel enlisted for service as a member of Company K, Tenth Illinois Infantry, and received his discharge in January, 1919. He belongs to Jasper County Post, No. 20, of the American Legion and has served as its treasurer and adjutant. His interest in community welfare is shown in his connection with the Civic Club and with the Rotary Club, while his religious faith is indicated in the fact that he is a member of the Knights of Columbus. His political endorsement has been unfalteringly given to the democratic party since he reached his majority and he has attended all of the state, congressional and judicial conventions since 1920. He was present at the national convention in St. Louis in 1916 and the Chicago convention of 1932. He became one of the organizers of the Jeffersonian Club in Jasper county and always works for the support of the entire ticket. Since 1931 he has been alderman of Newton and in 1934 was appointed postmaster by President Roosevelt.

CHARLES MIDDLETON McCoy

Charles Middleton McCoy, a well known agriculturist of Crawford county who is serving as postmaster in Hutsonville, was born on the farm which he now operates in Hutsonville township. His parents were Albert Clayborn and Elizabeth (Hardway) McCoy, natives of Ohio, who came to Crawford county, Illinois, with their respective parents, thus casting in their lot with the early settlers of this region. The paternal grandfather, William McCoy, attracted by the discovery of gold in California, was one of those who joined in the gold rush, crossing the plains to the Pacific coast in 1849. Albert C. McCoy responded to the country's call for aid at the time of the Civil war and joined the Union Army as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Following the close of his military experience he took up farming on the old family homestead and devoted his remaining days to the work of tilling the soil. He was a staunch democrat, always voting for the men and measures of the party. He died in 1879 and was long survived by his wife, who passed away in 1926.

Charles M. McCoy attended the country schools and the public schools of Hutsonville and early became familiar with the work of tilling the soil and caring for the crops as he assisted his father on the old home place. Later he was employed on different farms in the neighborhood until he had carefully saved his earnings to a sufficient extent to enable him to purchase the old homestead, which has been in possession of the family since 1849. Here he was born and reared, and the further cultivation of the fields now claims much of his time and attention. He has added modern improvements to the property and is energetic and enterprising in all of his work.

In 1900 Mr. McCoy was married to Miss Rose May Wilson, a daughter of William and Sarah (Reigel) Wilson, representatives of one of the pioneer families of Robinson township, Crawford county. The children of this marriage are: Alva C., living in Hutsonville; George Mervyn, Orris Milbert and Earl Barton, all at home.

Mr. McCoy has been a member of the business committee of the organization of farmers of his township since 1907. He has served for twenty-one years on the school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. For five years, from 1928 until 1933, he was town clerk. He has voted with the democratic party since casting his first ballot and has been an active worker in its ranks, always supporting the entire ticket. He attends all of the local political meetings and has been precinct committeeman since 1930. In June, 1934, he received appointment to the position of postmaster at Hutsonville. His record both as a man and citizen is unassailable and he has many warm friends throughout Crawford county, where his family has been represented for eighty-five years.

GEORGE H. WALES

George H. Wales, the well known postmaster of Lanark, is also recognized as an active worker in democratic circles and is now serving as secretary of the county committee. He was born October 5, 1873, in the city where he yet resides, his parents being Charles and Marion (Emery) Wales, the former a native of Massachusetts, while the latter was born in Hull, England.

George H. Wales was reared in Carroll county, attending the public schools, and afterward continuing his education in the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington. In young manhood he entered the amusement business, in which he engaged until appointed postmaster of Lanark on the 6th of June, 1934, so that he is the present incumbent in the position. He has given a robust support to democracy since attaining his majority and is now secretary of the Carroll county democratic central committee, taking up the work of the office in 1930. He is doing an excellent service in this connection and is gratified at the steady growth of the party.

In 1892 Mr. Wales was united in marriage to Miss Martha Snow and they are the parents of a son, Emery Charles. Mr. Wales is widely known as a representative of Masonry and has taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter and consistory, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Mystic Shrine and is one of the prominent members of the fraternity in Carroll county.

Mr. Wales is an accomplished musician and as a young man traveled extensively in vaudeville. After returning to Lanark he entered the moving picture business and as a pioneer in this industry established three circuits, moving his entire picture plant each day for the evening show in the local opera house. These circuits were well established and remained in operation for over twenty years. For many years Mr. Wales played in the military band at Bloomington, Illinois. As a member of this band he accompanied Adlai Stevenson to Washington when he was elected vice president.

CHARLES C. DICKMAN

A foremost representative of the democratic party in Illinois is Charles C. Dickman, well-known attorney of Peoria, who is now serving as a member of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles. He has always lived in Illinois, his birth having occurred in Staunton, Macoupin county, April 13, 1883, his parents being Mathias and Mary (Courtlevier) Dickman, both of whom were of German birth. On leaving Europe, the mother having been born in Perth, Holland, and the father in Duesseldorf, Germany, they came to the new world and settled in Illinois about 1881. Their family numbered seven children, namely: Matthew, now a resident of Jacksonville, Illinois; Frederick, who was a veterinary surgeon of Galena, Illinois, now deceased; Mary, now the wife of Harvey J. Morris of Pontiac, Illinois; Mrs. Minnie Fitzsimmons, widow of Matthew Fitzsimmons, and a resident of Pontiac; Mrs. Hulda Duffey, a resident of Pontiac; Mrs. Helena Schwerdt, of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, who is the wife of Frank Schwerdt; and Charles C., of this review.

Charles C. Dickman pursued his education in the city schools, and in high school in Pontiac, Livingston county, Illinois, and continued his studies in the State Normal School at Normal, Illinois, after which he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed in Clinton, Illinois, in Pontiac, in Chillicothe, and finally in Peoria. Desirous of broadening his own information, he pursued a course in engineering at the University of Illinois and then took a course in the University of Chicago Law School. The degree of Bachelor of Philosophy was also conferred upon him. He began the practice of law in Peoria in 1919 and has remained a close student of the profession, always thorough and painstaking in the preparation of his cases. He served as United States commissioner from 1922 until 1926, and in 1931 he became corporation counsel of Peoria. In 1933, he was appointed by Governor Horner as a member of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles and is now most acceptably serving in this office, which is one of large responsibility and importance.

Mr. Dickman was united in marriage to Miss Grace Marie Raymond, a daughter of Frank and Emily (Stevens) Raymond. Her father was a veteran railroad man who served for an extended period as general superintendent of the Santa Fe Railroad, also as assistant general manager in Topeka, Kansas, and had just been given an appointment as general manager in Amarillo, Texas, when he died in 1921. Mrs. Dickman was a teacher in the schools of Chillicothe, Illinois, prior to her marriage. She has become the mother of one son, Charles V., now ten years of age.

Mr. Dickman has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the University Club of Peoria. He has served as county chairman of the democratic party in Peoria county for six years and through his powers of organization contributed to its development and success, never failing to exercise his right of franchise in support of democratic candidates because of his



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firm belief in the principles of the party. He recognizes fully the duties and responsibilities as well as the opportunities of citizenship. The practice of law, however, remains his real life work and in this field he has gained a position of much more than local eminence.

GLENN JOSEPH KUSZMAUL

Among those who are rendering valuable public service in office in Henry county is numbered Glenn Joseph Kuszmaul, who is a highway maintenance patrolman and who makes his home near Prophetstown. He was born in Delavan, Tazewell county, Illinois, February 17, 1909, and is a son of John J. and Flora L. (Summers) Kuszmaul, who have long resided at Delavan, where they still make their home. The father has followed farming as a life work and has been successful in the cultivation of his fields and the care of his crops. In politics he has ever been an earnest democrat.

Glenn J. Kuszmaul attended the Delavan public schools, in which he completed the work of the eighth grade. He next entered the Peoria Central high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1926. He had been reared to the occupation of farming and after his school days were over he took up farming on his own account in Henry county and continued to engage in the development of his fields until February 8, 1933, when he was appointed highway maintenance patrolman and is still acting in that capacity. From the time when he cast his first vote he has been an active worker in democratic circles and he has served on the election board and in other local positions. He belongs to St. Mary's Catholic Church at Hooppole, Illinois, and his loyalty to any cause which he espouses has always been one of his pronounced characteristics.

WILLIAM H. MALEY, M. D.

Dr. William H. Maley, a physician and surgeon who has proven his ability to successfully cope with intricate and involved professional problems, maintains an office in Galesburg and is accorded a gratifying patronage. His birth occurred March 27, 1867, on a farm south of the city, his parents being Michael and Ann (Ryan) Maley. The father, who was born in County Limerick, Ireland, in 1828, came to the United States in 1858, settling in Knox county, Illinois, where he devoted his remaining days to farming. He was always a staunch democrat and kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He passed away in 1901 and for a quarter of a century was survived by his wife, who was born in Peoria county, Illinois, in 1839 and departed this life in 1926.

Their son, William H. Maley, was a pupil in the rural schools of Knox county and later in St. Joseph's Academy of Galesburg. In 1888 he was graduated from Brown's Business College of this city and in 1894 completed a course in Knox College which won him the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science. He determined to make the practice of medicine his life work and with that end in view entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, in which he was graduated in 1897. He has constantly broadened his knowledge and promoted his efficiency by further study and investigation. In 1900 he did post-graduate work in New York, in 1902 in Germany and in 1922 in Chicago, and throughout all the intervening years he read broadly and thought deeply and made his work of the greatest possible benefit to his patients. It was in 1897 that he opened an office and began practice in Galesburg, where as a physician and surgeon he has won a notable and enviable place. He has remained continuously in this city save for the periods of his post-graduate study elsewhere and the period of his military service. For fifteen years he was a member of the Illinois National Guard, serving with Battery B of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Field Artillery. On the 7th of April, 1917, he took the oath accepting his fourth commission as a first lieutenant. The commission had been lying on his desk for several weeks, but on the day war was declared against Germany he took the oath and wired his acceptance of the commission. In July, 1917, he was called into active service at Des Moines.

Iowa, to help muster in the Rainbow Division and three weeks later he was sent to Topeka, Kansas, and thence to Kansas City, Kansas, to assist in mustering in other units of that division. He was next assigned to Fort Benjamin Harrison at Indianapolis, Indiana, to serve with Company 9 and was there promoted to the rank of captain. In the following October he was transferred to Philadelphia and three weeks later was sent from there to Camp McClelland at Anniston, Alabama. He was on duty in surgical service with the Eighty-ninth Division and after spending the winter at Anniston he was transferred in the spring to New York City for surgical work in the Rockefeller Institute and the Bellevue Hospital. His next assignment took him to Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, where he prepared for overseas, sailing in August, 1918, with Base Hospital No. 131. He landed at Mar-sur-Alliers near Nevers, France, and before sailing for Europe he had been promoted to the rank of major. He served as chief of the surgical service at Base Hospital No. 131, being the only physician from Knox county, Illinois, in active overseas duty. At the close of hostilities he was sent to St. Nazaire and was placed in command of camp infirmary, Base Hospital No. 1, where he remained until June 30, 1919, when he started for home, landing in New York on the 5th of July and receiving his discharge on the 31st of the same month. He now holds a major's commission in the Medical Reserve.

Dr. Maley was married June 30, 1902, to Miss Clara A. Forrester, of Taylorville, Illinois, a sister of the late Senator James A. Forrester, and they went to Europe on their wedding trip, the Doctor doing post-graduate work in Berlin and Vienna through a period of three months. Mrs. Maley is a graduate of the Knox College Conservatory of Music and has been prominent in women's political and club activities. To Dr. and Mrs. Maley have been born two sons. William Forrester was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1930 and from the College of Medicine of the University of Illinois at Chicago with the class of 1934 and is now an interne in St. Anne's Hospital of that city. His medical fraternity is the Nu Sigma Nu; Robert Frederick, who was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1933, is now on the steamship President Van Buren of the Dollar Line as assistant to the purser and is also superintendent of entertainment and sports on the vessel. On the 21st of June, 1934, he started upon his third trip around the world. Both sons are members of the Phi Kappa Tan.

Dr. Maley belongs to the American Legion, the Forty and Eight, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and is a past grand knight of Galesburg Council No. 556 of the Knights of Columbus. He also belongs to the Galesburg Club and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Along strictly professional lines he has membership in the Galesburg, Knox county, Illinois State, and American Medical Societies, and the Tri State Medical Association. In politics a stalwart democrat, he attends the state conventions of the party and also attended the national convention held in Chicago in 1932. For twenty-five years he served as a member of the city council of Galesburg and rendered efficient aid in promoting municipal projects and in advancing those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride. His professional rating is that of one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Galesburg and he possesses a rare personal charm which makes for warm friendships and kindly regard.

WILLIAM H. JEREMIAH

William H. Jeremiah, county inspector of mines in Randolph county, has been continuously identified with mining interests in southwestern Illinois during the past third of a century and is also a member of the Randolph county democratic central committee. He was born in Duquoin, Perry county, Illinois, October 28, 1886, his parents being Edmund and Katherine (Stanhouse) Jeremiah, who were natives of Wales and Scotland, respectively, the former born July 20, 1858, and the latter April 20, 1864. The mother of our subject crossed

the Atlantic to the United States about 1880 in company with her father, an accountant, who settled in Duquoin, Illinois, and there spent the remainder of his life. Edmund Jeremiah, the father of William H. Jeremiah, was brought to America as an infant by his father, who served with the Union forces in the Civil war. Edmund Jeremiah became a coal miner and farmer of southern Illinois, while politically he was a loyal supporter of the democratic party.

William H. Jeremiah attended public school in his native city until fourteen years of age, when in 1900 he began working in the coal mines. Mining interests have claimed his attention throughout the intervening years to the present time, and he has served as county inspector of mines in Randolph county since appointed to the position in 1929, proving a most capable incumbent therein. Long an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party, he has been a member of the Randolph county democratic central committee for fourteen years. He has been nominated for sheriff of his county. He has fraternal affiliations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is known among his many friends as an enthusiastic baseball fan.

On the 27th of July, 1909, Mr. Jeremiah was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Hagon, who was born in Tennessee, of Pennsylvania Dutch stock, and whose father is a stonecutter by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah are the parents of eight children, as follows: Edgar, a resident of Sparta, Illinois; Clifford, a basketball enthusiast, who is a graduate of the Southern Illinois State Normal University of Carbondale and lives in Sparta; Wanda, the wife of Howard Hughes, of Sparta; and Lucille, Evelyn, William, Margaret and Minnie, who reside with their parents at 416 East Church street in Sparta. Mrs. Jeremiah attends the services of the Baptist Church and, like her husband, enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout her home community.

FRANK R. MORGAN

Among those men who have executive control of municipal affairs in Peoria is numbered Frank R. Morgan, now serving as a member of the city council. He was born at Grafton, Jersey county, Illinois, February 15, 1902, being a son of Anderson and Emma (Adkins) Morgan. The father's birth occurred near Louisville, Kentucky, and the mother was born in Jersey county, Illinois. She was a daughter of Amos Adkins, a Civil war veteran who served with the Union Army during the period of hostilities between the north and the south. To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Morgan there were born eight children, one of whom has passed away, while those still living are: Frank R., of this review; Dorothy, who is a teacher in the Longfellow school of Peoria; James, a resident of Rome, Illinois; William, of Peoria; Minnie, wife of Fred Prim, also living in Peoria; Nona, wife of George Brainard, a farmer of Grafton, Illinois; and Ray, who is likewise a resident of Grafton, this state. James and William both served with the Thirty-third Division in the World war and Ray was a lieutenant in the Fifth Division while America was participating in the hostilities between the German forces and the allied troops.

Frank R. Morgan pursued his education in the rural schools of Jersey county and the Peoria high school and started out to provide for his own support by learning and following the barber's trade. He soon gave that up, however, to join the Caterpillar Tractor Company of Peoria and became an expert in relation to the mechanics of this machine, so that he was sent by the company to Columbia, South America, and afterward to Russia as an expert service man to assure the mechanical satisfaction of the machines sold in those countries. On his return to the United States he also assisted in the compilation of books of instruction on the proper use of the tractors and thus occupied responsible positions in connection with tractor manufacturing and sale. In 1932 he was selected as superintendent of the state service garage at Peoria, serving District No. 4 of the highway department, having the care and maintenance of fleets of trucks and road building devices as well as other motor

cars. In industrial circles he occupies an eminent position because his ability has been developed to a superior point.

On the 10th of February, 1932, Mr. Morgan was united in marriage to Miss Beatrice Vaughn, a native of Rock Island, Illinois, and a daughter of Robert and Ollie (Kent) Vaughn, now living in Peoria. Mr. Morgan belongs to the Universalist Church and to Temple Lodge, A. F. & A. M. In politics he has always been a democrat and was one of the organizers of democratic forces in the first ward and has been a committee captain there since 1931. In 1932 he was elected alderman of the first ward, so that as a member of the city council he is now aiding in the onerous task of directing municipal affairs. He brings to his official duties the same conscientious purpose which he has shown in business life and the record which he is making is a commendable one.

WARD P. HOLT

Ward P. Holt, serving for the second term as state's attorney in Salem, was born October 4, 1899, in the city in which he still makes his home, and is a representative of one of the oldest of the pioneer families of Marion county, where his great-grandfather, Henry Holt, settled on removing from Tennessee. His grandfather, William H. Holt, who was also born in Tennessee and afterward became a resident of Ohio, was living in Illinois at the time of the Civil war and responded to the country's call for aid by enlisting as a member of the One Hundred and Eleventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry under Colonel James S. Martin, who afterward became a general. William H. Holt served for three years and was with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea and in all of the activities of the Atlanta campaign. He married Sarah Parsons and their son, Charles H. Holt, was born near Vernon, Marion county, October 1, 1868.

Charles H. Holt, father of Ward P. Holt, became one of the county's ablest and most distinguished lawyers—in fact was recognized as one of the foremost members of the bar in southern Illinois. A public-spirited citizen, he was faithful to every trust reposed in him and his influence was ever on the side of right and progress. He acquired his early education in the country schools, which he attended in the winter months, and in the high school of Salem, from which he was graduated with the class of 1889. He prepared for the bar as a student in Northwestern University of Chicago, winning his LL. B. degree, after which he located for practice at Kimmunity, Marion county. Notwithstanding the fact that advancement at the bar is proverbially slow, he forged steadily forward and recognition of his ability came to him in 1898, when he was elected county judge, occupying the bench for two terms, the fairness and impartiality of his decisions winning for him high commendation among his fellow townsmen. In 1904 he located in Salem, county seat of Marion county, where he engaged in the active practice throughout the remainder of his life. He served as state's attorney for one term and he prepared his cases with great thoroughness, leaving no point undeveloped that would win for him the verdict desired. Interwoven with his professional activity was his earnest support of the democratic party, based upon a firm and unflinching belief in its principles. He served as chairman of the Marion county democratic central committee and was a delegate to many judicial, congressional and state conventions, while in 1916 he attended the national convention in St. Louis as an alternate and again in the same capacity went to Chicago in 1932, when the democratic convention named Franklin D. Roosevelt for the presidency.

In 1897 Charles H. Holt was married to Miss Frances M. Fox, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jesse D. Fox, who formerly lived in Kimmunity, Illinois. They long occupied a prominent position in the social circles of the community, and Mr. Holt, aside from his profession, was connected with the business interests of Salem as a director of several banks. The practice of law, however, was the outstanding factor in his life and he possessed one of the finest law libraries of southern Illinois, with the contents of which he was extremely familiar. His death occurred May 16, 1933.



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Ward P. Holt, after attending the grammar and high schools of Salem, matriculated in the University of Detroit and on the completion of the regular law course received his LL. B. degree as a member of the class of 1925. For a short time he practiced in Michigan and then returned to Salem, Illinois, where he became associated with his father. In 1928 he was elected state's attorney and endorsement of his first term came in a reelection in 1932 for a further term of four years. Like his father before him, he holds to high professional ideals and his close study of legal problems, combined with his thorough understanding of principle and precedent, has made for a gratifying success at the bar.

In 1928 Mr. Holt was married to Miss Margaret Helen Lassline, a daughter of Albert M. Lassline, a hotel man of Detroit, Michigan, and they have one child, Joanne, three years of age. Mr. Holt is a member of the Benevolent and Protective order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. He also belongs to the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce, while along strictly professional lines his connection is with the Marion County, Illinois State and American Bar Associations. From his youthful days he has been keenly interested in politics and since attaining his majority an active worker in the ranks of his party. In association with Guy McGaughey of Lawrence county he organized the Southern Illinois Federation of Democratic Clubs, of which he is the secretary. Since 1928 he has been a delegate to all congressional, judicial and state conventions and since that year he has also been an active campaign worker, addressing many public gatherings on the issues of the day, in 1932 taking the stump for Governor Horner. He recognizes fully the value of organization and of business-like direction in all political affairs and his labors have been far-reaching and resultant.

JOSEPH PANIER

Joseph Panier, a resident of Mark, Putnam county, is a highway patrolman, having filled this position since November 14, 1933. He has always lived in Illinois, his birth having occurred in Gardner, Grundy county, this state, February 6, 1891. His parents, Martin and Margaret Panier, have both passed away. The family resided at Mark for thirty years and the father gave stalwart allegiance to the democratic party.

Joseph Panier was educated at Carbon Hill, Illinois, and after he had left school became a coal miner. He later worked in a grocery store and subsequently conducted a soft drink parlor, being thus engaged up to the time when he received state appointment to the position of highway maintenance patrolman, in which connection he has served for a year.

On the 6th of January, 1915, Mr. Panier was united in marriage to Miss Rose Monier, her parents being Octave and Pauline Monier, the former now deceased. A brother of Mrs. Monier is a carpenter contractor of Springfield, Illinois. The Moniers have always been active supporters of the democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Panier are the parents of four children: Margaret, Alfred, Joseph and Rosemarie. The family attends the Catholic Church and Mr. Panier has always been a democratic supporter. His brother, John Panier, is precinct committeeman in Ottawa and Joseph Panier is also a precinct committeeman of Mark. He was mayor of Mark for five years and policeman for one year, and he resigned both positions to accept that in which he is now serving. He has always been active and influential in town affairs and his aid and influence have ever been given on the side of upbuilding and improvement.

J. W. HUTTON, M. D.

Dr. J. W. Hutton, actively engaged in the practice of medicine at Newton and also serving for the third term as county coroner of Jasper county, was born in Flemingsburg, Kentucky, January 23, 1876, his parents being George W. and Lydia (Arnold) Hutton. The father was a merchant and trader and in politics was a staunch democrat, very active in party work. He attended many

state, congressional and judicial conventions and he did much to further the interests of democracy because of his firm belief in its principles as factors in good government. He departed this life in 1913, having for about nine years survived his wife, who passed away in 1904.

J. W. Hutton attended the grade and high schools of Morehead, Kentucky, and when he had mastered the branches of learning taught in the high school he entered upon preparation for a professional career as a student in the College of Medicine of the University of Cincinnati, which he attended for two years. He next matriculated in the Barnes Medical College of St. Louis, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree in 1899. The following year he took post-graduate work and then located for practice at Rose Hill, Jasper county, Illinois, where he remained until 1912, when he came to Newton. Here he has since maintained his office and has enjoyed a substantial practice that is continually growing. He is a member of the Jasper County and Illinois State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association, and through the proceedings of these organizations and their published reports he keeps in touch with the latest researches and discoveries of the profession.

On June 12, 1918, Dr. Hutton was married to Miss May Simpson, of Jasper county, and they are widely and favorably known in southeastern Illinois. The doctor is a Mason, loyally following the teachings of the craft. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors. Politically he is an active democrat, giving unfaltering allegiance to the entire ticket and working consistently for party interests since reaching adult years. He is now serving his third term as county coroner and otherwise gives his attention mainly to his professional duties.

HORACE COWEN

Horace Cowen, editor and owner of the Hume Record, a well known democratic paper of Edgar county, has utilized this organ to further the interests of the political party with which he has been allied since attaining his majority. Mr. Cowen is a native of Crescent City, Illinois, where he was born December 26, 1892, his parents being Charles and Frances (Frantz) Cowen, who are likewise natives of this state, their people having settled in Illinois long prior to the Civil war. The mother was a daughter of Horace Frantz, who served with the Union Army in the period of hostilities between the north and the south and was wounded in battle. Both the Cowen and Frantz families were staunch democrats. Charles Cowen followed the lumber business as his life work but is now living retired at Hume, enjoying a well earned rest.

Horace Cowen acquired his education in the grammar and high schools of Havana, Illinois, up to the time when he entered the University of Illinois. When his textbooks were put aside he became associated with the Armour Grain Company and continued in that field of business until 1927, when he purchased the Hume Record, which had been established in 1890 by David Bradley as a weekly paper. Mr. Bradley continued its publication until 1895, when he sold out to George Ballard, who edited and published the paper until 1905. It was then owned by Allen Martin from 1905 until 1908 and by Otto Hippleheuser from 1908 until 1927, when it was purchased by Mr. Cowen. It has always been published as a democratic paper and now has a circulation of twenty-one hundred and forty. Its editorials carry weight in democratic circles and the paper has been an influential organ in shaping public thought and opinion.

Mr. Cowen has been active in democratic politics since becoming of age and in 1934 was elected precinct committeeman of Young America township, Edgar county. He has attended several state, congressional and judicial conventions of his party and in 1932 he assisted in organizing the Jeffersonian Club in Young America township.

On the 7th of June, 1920, Mr. Cowen was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Shaw, a daughter of James and Martha (Baldwin) Shaw and a representative of a pioneer family of Indiana. Mrs. Cowen is active in politics as a supporter of the democratic party and is a member of the Edgar County Women's Democratic Club. Mr. Cowen belongs to the Masonic fraternity and he is identified with several societies along the line of his chosen life work, having membership in the Illinois Press Association, the Illinois Democratic Editors Association, of which he is vice president, and the Illinois Weekly Newspapers Association.

J. WALTER LOWREY

J. Walter Lowrey, who is engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Joliet, has been a lifelong democrat and for eight years has served as secretary of the Will County Democratic Organization. He was born in this city, September 18, 1888, a son of William P. and Catherine W. (Clare) Lowrey, both of whom have now passed away. The father was a railroad man, devoting his entire life to that business. William H. Clare, an uncle of J. W. Lowrey, was a recognized leader of Will county democracy and his opinions were always followed as to party policy and activity. Although twelve years have passed since he was called to his final rest, he is still frequently mentioned in democratic circles. He was appointed internal revenue collector at Chicago, was a delegate to many of the conventions of the party and was very active in civic organizations.

J. Walter Lowrey supplemented his grammar school studies by a course in the high school of Joliet and started out in the business world as cost accountant for the Illinois Steel Company, with which corporation he remained for eleven years. He became connected with the United States Army, having entered the Signal Corps, after which he was transferred to the Air Service. He acted as personnel officer during the World war and he is now a member of the American Legion. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Columbus, the last named association indicating his connection with the Catholic Church. Politically he has always been a democrat, active in the party, and has served as a delegate to the national conventions. He has been both senatorial committeeman and precinct committeeman, and for eight years he has served as the secretary of the Will County Democratic Organization. He was also supervisor of census of the eleventh congressional district, having been appointed to the position by President Woodrow Wilson. He always recognizes the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship and therefore works for the principles in which he believes. His business interests center in real estate and insurance with his brothers, William P. Lowrey, Sr., and George J. Lowrey, under the firm name of W. H. Clare & Company, and they have developed a strong agency, having many clients, so that the business is a growing and profitable one. Mr. Lowrey was appointed postmaster of Joliet in 1934 by endorsement of Senator Lewis and Senator Dieterich.

ARTHUR L. BOLAND

Arthur L. Boland, a member of the younger contingent of democratic workers in Peoria county, was born in the city of Peoria, October 11, 1905, his parents being John P. and Anna (Brown) Boland, both of whom were natives of Elmwood, Illinois, their respective parents having been pioneer residents of this section. Both the paternal grandfather, Michael Boland, and the maternal grandfather, Fred Brown, were soldiers of the Union Army in the Civil war, enlisting from Illinois. Michael Boland was born in Tipperary, Ireland, and became the founder of the family in this state. John P. Boland, who has been active in democratic politics in Peoria for many years, served as superintendent of streets during the administration of Mayor Ahrends.

Arthur L. Boland, who is one of a family of seven children, pursued his

education in St. Johns school of Peoria and in the Spalding Institute. For a number of years after putting aside his textbooks he was associated with his father in the contracting business and he is now identified with the Standard Plumbing Supply Company. This is a national organization and he occupies a responsible position in the Peoria branch.

On October 8, 1930, Mr. Boland was united in marriage to Miss Ruby M. Hammer, a native of Peoria, Illinois, and a daughter of Joseph and Gertrude Hammer. Since reaching the voting age Mr. Boland has been an active democrat and was captain of the tenth ward in the election of 1932. He works earnestly and effectively for the party and his labors are far-reaching.

HARRY E. SAATHOFF

Harry E. Saathoff, of Hillsboro, who is filling the office of sheriff of Montgomery county, was born in this county on the 20th day of September, 1879. His father, Thomas W. Saathoff, a native of Germany, came alone to the United States when a youth of sixteen years and settled at Mount Olive, Illinois, where he took up the occupation of farming, which he followed as a life work. He died in 1901, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Rachel Bolen and was a native of Illinois, survived him until 1921. Their family numbered six sons and two daughters, namely: Heie, of St. Louis, Missouri, who for a time was connected with a stamping company of that city and is now with the Simmons Hardware Company; Anna, who died in 1898; Lena, who died in 1926; Herbert, a business man of Litchfield; John and Henry, who have operated the Farmers' Elevator at Litchfield since 1910; George, who is connected with the Henry L. Doherty Investment Company of New York City as assistant manager of the engineering department; and Harry E., of this review.

The last named attended the schools of his native place until eight years of age and then worked upon the home farm until he reached the age of twenty. He was afterward in the elevator of Knobbe Brothers in Litchfield for about a year and a half, after which he went to St. Louis, where he worked on the street-car line for about three years. Following his return to Litchfield he was employed at odd jobs until 1907, when he became a member of the Litchfield police force, and for two years he served as chief of police. On the expiration of that period he became manager of the Farmers' Elevator and so continued for three and one-half years, when he was appointed deputy sheriff in 1914, acting in that capacity for nine years. In 1923 he became superintendent of the waterworks of Litchfield and after efficiently serving in that capacity for two years he took charge of the pumping station. In 1930 he was elected sheriff and is now nearing the end of a four years' term, it being a law that the sheriff cannot hold the office for a longer period. He has been a faithful custodian of the public peace and is actuated by high ideals in all of his official service. In fact his record is most notable in his efforts to aid culprits and especially wayward youths and restore them to their rightful position in society by instilling into their minds high ideals of citizenship. Since taking office it has been his aim to keep boys out of the reform school, and at one time he had over one hundred boys paroled to him, of which number only one ever went back a second time. At this writing he has fifty boys paroled to him, and the efforts of no citizen of Hillsboro have been more directly beneficial in saving the youth of the county. He recognizes the boy nature and knows that the youthful tendency toward waywardness may be curbed and that the right influence and stimulus will turn the wayward boy into a straightforward and honorable man. His work in this connection alone entitles him to the highest endorsement of his fellow townsmen and has commanded for him the warmest respect on the part of all.

Mr. Saathoff was married in 1908, when Miss Lottie Boss, of St. Louis, became his wife. She passed away in 1926 and four years later, in 1930, he wedded Mary Long, of Litchfield. Mr. Saathoff and his family belong to the



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Lutheran Church. In politics Mr. Saathoff has always adhered to the democratic party, as had his ancestors through several generations. Since 1903 he has been a member of the Litchfield volunteer fire department and he belongs to Litchfield Lodge No. 389 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Throughout all the years he has made good use of his time and opportunities and his life has been well spent.

RALPH B. JOHNSON

Ralph B. Johnson, of Galesburg, who is inheritance tax investigator for Illinois, was appointed to his present position on the 1st of April, 1933. He is recognized as an untiring worker in democratic circles and since April, 1932, has served as a precinct committeeman. His birth occurred in Galesburg, Illinois, May 6, 1904, his parents being Frank J. and Alma (Bruington) Johnson. His grandfather in the paternal line was John Johnson, who was born near Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1820 and who came to Illinois about 1836 with his parents, the family home being established in Warren county. He was a stalwart supporter of the democratic party throughout his entire life. He married Amanda F. Whitman, who was born in Warren county, Illinois, in 1831, and in this county occurred the birth of their son, Frank J. Johnson, on the 25th of April, 1875. Like his father, he has always been an active democrat, working for party interests since attaining his majority. He has also been on the election board since 1920 and he served on the school board of Sparta township, Knox county, while engaged in farming in that locality. He was also elected assessor of Coldbrook township, Warren county, while farming in that township. His entire life has been devoted to agricultural interests but he has also recognized and met the obligations and duties of citizenship and has labored effectively for the public welfare. He married Miss Alma Bruington, who was born in Warren county, Illinois, March 12, 1877. Their children were four in number: Mary, who became the wife of Max V. Armstrong, of Abingdon, who is a democrat, now serving as a precinct committeeman; Ralph B., of this review; Arnold J., who was killed in an automobile accident in 1931; and Elwin, who is living at home.

After attending the country schools of Coldbrook township, Warren county, Ralph B. Johnson mastered the branches of learning taught in the high school at Wataga, Knox county, and was graduated with the class of 1924. Previously he had attended Brown's Business College of Galesburg and later he spent one year as a student in the American Institute of Banking in Chicago. He likewise studied law in the University of Chicago for two years and thus he has been continuously broadening his knowledge and promoting his efficiency. In January, 1926, he became an employe in the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, where he continued until September, 1928. He afterward spent a short time in the National Bank of the Republic in that city, and it was while working in connection with the banking business there that he attended the American Institute of Banking and studied law in the University of Chicago. He is still pursuing his law studies under the LaSalle Extension University.

Mr. Johnson has been active in democratic affairs since becoming a voter and during the campaign of 1928 he worked untiringly to support Al Smith, then a candidate for the presidency. In 1929 he returned to Galesburg, where he has since engaged in the insurance business, and on the 1st of April, 1933, he was appointed state inheritance tax investigator. In April, 1932, he was elected a precinct committeeman and was again chosen for the office in 1934. He was likewise a delegate to the democratic state conventions of both those years and he has always been an active party worker, his labors being far-reaching and resultant because he is a man of broad vision and his efforts are most intelligently directed. In August, 1932, he was one of the organizers of the Junior Jefferson Club and was elected its president. When he received his state appointment he resigned this position. In 1934 he assisted in the organization of the Knox County Young Democratic Club.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Johnson is a Mason and his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Christian Church. He is yet a young man and his has been an active and well spent life, gaining for him the warm regard and respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

ALBERT M. HERBIG

Albert M. Herbig, who has devoted many years to the garage business and who is now serving as a member of the highway maintenance police, with headquarters in Sterling, makes his home in Savanna, Carroll county. He was born in Freeport, Illinois, May 11, 1904, a son of Milton and Minnie (Herbig) Smith, the former now deceased. The boy was adopted by his maternal grandfather, Adolph Herbig, in 1908, when a little lad of but four years. He attended the public schools of Freeport, thus acquiring a fair English education to serve as a foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of success in later life. In young manhood he learned the machinist's trade, serving an apprenticeship with the Stovers Manufacturing Company of Freeport, with which he remained for two years. He afterward worked as a mechanic in garages and subsequently established a garage business on his own account in Freeport. He has since been active as a garage man, either in Freeport or Savanna, having removed to the latter city about 1920. He thoroughly understands everything pertaining to the mechanism of the automobile and has been accorded a liberal patronage in that field of business. On the 25th of March, 1933, he was appointed highway maintenance police of District No. 1, with headquarters in Sterling, and has since served in that capacity.

Mr. Herbig lives with his mother in Savanna and has been active in local democratic politics in Carroll county since old enough to vote. He belongs to the Carroll County Democratic Voters League and he gives hearty cooperation to all movements which are intended to advance the interests of the party organization.

LEONARD C. TRAENKENSCHUH

Leonard C. Traenkenschuh, a lifelong worker in the democratic ranks and now serving as superintendent of streets in the present administration of Peoria, well deserves mention in the history of Illinois Democracy. He was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, September 18, 1890, a son of Kasper and Catherine (Henbeck) Traenkenschuh, both of whom were natives of Bavaria, Germany. They came to Illinois as pioneer settlers and established their home in Rock Island, remaining honored citizens of that community for many years. They were active in the Lutheran Church and lent their influence to all projects for the benefit and upbuilding of the community. In their family were five children, as follows: Charlotte, Kate, Rosetta, Carl and Leonard C.

The last named completed his education at River Forest, Illinois, and deciding to follow teaching as a vocation, removed to Peoria on securing a position in the parochial school of Christ Lutheran Church at Malone and Chandler streets. He did a splendid work in that connection, serving the mission faithfully for sixteen years. Subsequently he entered the life insurance business, which he followed until 1930.

Mr. Traenkenschuh had long been active in the councils of the democratic party and in 1930 he was one of the active workers in behalf of the candidacy of Mr. Ahrends, who had been nominated for mayor. After the election he was appointed to a position in the public works department, and following the election of Mayor O'Brien he was made superintendent of streets and sewers. He is now serving in this capacity and his duties are discharged with promptness and fidelity, making him an efficient public officer.

In 1912 Mr. Traenkenschuh was united in marriage to Miss Edith Zagel, of Van Wert, Ohio, a daughter of Rev. Frederick Zagel, a minister of the Lutheran denomination, who held a pastorate at Effingham, Illinois, for seventeen years

and for twelve years was superintendent of the Children's Home in Peoria. His wife prior to her marriage was Anna Zwerner. Mr. and Mrs. Traenkenschuh have become the parents of four children: George, Anna, Victor and Eugene. Mr. Traenkenschuh is a member of and organized the South Side Business Men's Club, and belongs to the Cosmopolitan Club, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran Church, in the work of which his wife also takes a helpful part. He does everything in his power to promote the upbuilding of Peoria along intellectual, social, political and moral lines and his influence is far-reaching and beneficial.

ANTOINETTE ANNA (JAGODZINSKI) GAWARECKI

Antoinette Anna (Jagodzinski) Gawarecki was appointed to a position in the state department of rehabilitation in February, 1933. She has long taken a very active and helpful interest in political affairs as a supporter of the democratic party. A native of La Salle, Illinois, she is a daughter of Francis and Mary Ann (Waszkowiak) Jagodzinski. The family came to America in 1870, settling in La Salle. Here the daughter Antoinette attended school, pursuing her studies in St. Hyacinth parochial school and also taking a business course under private instruction. Her life interests have been of a varied character. An intense lover of music, in which art she has been liberally educated, she helped organize the St. Cecilia Singing Society and she was also vice president of the Polish Singers of the State of Illinois. She has been a delegate to the National Singers Alliance of America and is widely and prominently known in musical circles. She organized the Polish Women's Choir of La Salle and she has managed many concerts and plays. She is also a director and was the organizer of the Polish Women's Alliance of America, of which she has been an active member for twenty years and a director for twelve years. She assisted in organizing the Juvenile Society of Polish Women and in 1921 was a delegate to the Polish National Relief Society of America at the convention held in Pittsburgh. In the fall of 1923 she was made a member of the reception committee to welcome General J. Haller in Chicago. In a word, Mrs. Gawarecki has always been an organizer since she was a girl of fifteen or sixteen years and her labors have added much to the cultural development of the state. She organized the Women's Democratic Club of La Salle county and she has been secretary of the Polish Political Club of St. Hyacinth's Church. She is precinct committeewoman of one of the most populous precincts of La Salle county, and is chairman of the women's democratic organization of the county. She came of a family that always gave support to the democratic party, her father being one of its most active workers, although he never accepted office as a return for party fealty. Francis Jagodzinski recently passed away, but his wife is still living.

It was on the 28th of September, 1904, that Antoinette Anna Jagodzinski became the wife of Joseph John Gawarecki, who was born in Sroda, Poland, February 2, 1878, a son of John and Magdalena (Dropek) Gawarecki. He was brought to La Salle county during his infancy and was here reared and educated. Many years ago he began merchandising and still continues active in the business. He has taken a very prominent part in church work and in fraternal societies and has been a delegate to the conventions of the National Polish Alliance. In politics he has always been a democrat, and during the World war both he and his wife took a very active part in relief work. Their family numbers three children: Mrs. Isabelle Bruder, of La Salle; Marion; and Mrs. Loretta Persett, of La Salle. Both the daughters and their husbands are active democrats, and the son is a prominent member and vice chairman of the Polish American Democratic Association of La Salle. In a word, the family has been particularly prominent among the Polish people of this part of the state and Mrs. Gawarecki is a recognized leader among Polish women. Her labors have been far-reaching and beneficial and she has done much to add to the joy of life through her work in musical circles.

ALBERT EDWARD LEE

Albert Edward Lee, of De Kalb, who is a state game warden, was born in State Center, Iowa, March 2, 1906, a son of Henry Lewis and Marie (Edler) Lee. The father removed from Ogle county, Illinois, to the city of De Kalb in 1896.

In the acquirement of his education Albert E. Lee attended the grade schools of his native town, and following the removal of the family from Iowa to De Kalb, Illinois, he here attended high school as a member of the class of 1924. He next entered the Northern Illinois State Teachers College at De Kalb and completed his course in 1926. He afterward engaged in the confectionery business in De Kalb, after which he was recreational manager for the Knights of Columbus, No. 553, at South Bend, Illinois. On the 16th of June, 1933, he was made investigator of conservation for the state and is now occupying that position. He has been a lifelong democrat and is the present county chairman of the Young Peoples Democratic League, a position which he has occupied since 1932. In the same year he was made vice chairman of the twelfth congressional district. He attended the state convention held in Springfield and also the national convention in Chicago. From 1928 until 1931 he was a member and active worker in the Democratic Club of St. Joseph county, Indiana. He belongs to the German Lutheran Church and is interested in all that pertains to the social, intellectual, political and moral progress of his community.

RAYMOND B. SIEPKER

Raymond B. Siepker, an attorney practicing at Barry, Pike County, was born in Kansas City, Missouri, June 29, 1884. His father, Bernard H. Siepker, whose birth occurred in Quincy, Illinois, in 1861, became a carriage painter of that city and for many years filled the responsible position of foreman in the E. M. Miller carriage factory there. He always voted with the democratic party and he passed away in 1919. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Nettie F. Weed, was born in Augusta, Illinois, in 1862.

Raymond B. Siepker had the advantage of instruction received in the excellent public schools of Quincy and when he had mastered the grades entered the high school, from which he was graduated in 1906. Attracted to a professional career, he then began the study of law in the office and under the direction of J. I. Foreman, of Quincy, and was admitted to the bar in February, 1910. In March of the following year he opened an office in Argenta, Arkansas, where he continued until Christmas of 1913, returning then to Quincy, Illinois, where he practiced until the fall of 1917. At that time he removed to Barry and in the intervening period of seventeen years has enjoyed a large and growing clientele and one of distinctively representative character, occupying an enviable position among the lawyers of western Illinois.

On June 5, 1918, Mr. Siepker was married to Miss Ella May Joor. They have a son and a daughter, Raymond B. (II) and Janice Mae. The family attends the Methodist Church, and in addition to his membership therein Mr. Siepker is a Mason, belonging to the blue lodge and chapter at Barry and to the commandery at Pittsfield. In these connections are indicated the rules that govern his conduct, making him a man among men, respected by all with whom he comes in contact. The democratic party has always counted upon his endorsement and support since the attainment of his majority brought to him the right of franchise. He has served several times on the Pike county democratic central committee and has attended the state conventions of the party as a delegate for the past eighteen years.

JOHN FRANCIS McCANN

John F. McCann, the postmaster at Oglesby by democratic appointment, had previously filled other offices and his record in each has won for him high commendation. Oglesby, the place of his residence, is also his native city. He was born December 27, 1904, a son of John and Jennie (Donnelly) McCann.



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The father has passed away, but the mother is still living in Oglesby. James McCann, the grandfather of our subject in the paternal line, was an early settler of La Salle county and was a very earnest supporter of the democratic party. John P. Donnelly, the maternal grandfather of John F. McCann, came to La Salle county in pioneer times and he, too, voted the democratic ticket and held a number of local offices. John McCann, the father of J. F. McCann, served as chief of police of Oglesby for eighteen years, a record which indicates beyond question his fidelity to duty in that position. After his retirement from the office he was made justice of the peace. His brother, Thomas McCann, served as postmaster of Oglesby under President Wilson and Hugh, another brother, served as mayor of the city, so that the family has been closely associated with public affairs and has always been recognized as a stalwart element in democracy here.

John F. McCann is a machinist by trade and followed that pursuit until 1929, when he turned his attention to the insurance business, in which he engaged for a year. Later he became his father's successor as justice of the peace, in charge of the police court. Like the others of the family, he has always been a stalwart democrat and in 1930 he was elected precinct committeeman, holding the office for four years. For two years he was secretary of the township organizations. He was appointed acting postmaster on the 1st of March, 1934, the appointment being confirmed on the 18th of June following. He had previously served as a post office clerk for one year under the Wilson regime and his experience in that connection well qualified him for his present duties. He was one of the organizers of the La Salle County Postmasters Association, of which he is now secretary, and he was also one of the organizers and is chairman of the membership committee of the Illinois Postmasters Association. In 1932 and 1934 he was a delegate to the democratic state conventions, and he attends all county and judicial conventions.

Mr. McCann belongs to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and he is a grand knight of the Knights of Columbus at La Salle. He gives earnest support to any cause which he espouses and his record as a man and as a citizen has gained for him the warm regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

FRANK B. SENGER

Frank B. Senger, chief deputy United States marshal at Danville, with offices in the Federal building, was born July 17, 1891, in the city which is still his home, his parents being Peter and Frances (Royer) Senger. The father came to the United States alone and joined an elder brother, Frederick Senger, who was then a resident of Danville, Illinois, engaged in the harness business. Peter Senger was employed for two or three years and then established a business of his own as a shoemaker and dealer in shoes, continuing active in the commercial circles of the city until his death, which occurred in 1916. His widow survived him for six years, passing away in 1922.

Frank B. Senger acquired his early education in parochial schools of Danville and in the high school, while later he entered Brown's Business College, from which he was graduated in 1908. He was only thirteen years of age, however, when he began earning his own living, going to work in order to supply the funds that would enable him to pay his tuition fee at the night sessions of Brown's Business College. Even prior to this time he had carried papers when eight years of age. In 1911 he secured a position as collection clerk in the Second National Bank and in 1918 he was serving as paying teller when he enlisted for service in the World war. He was assigned to duty with the replacement troops at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Georgia, where he remained until after the armistice was signed, receiving his discharge at Atlanta on the 11th of December, 1918.

Mr. Senger then returned to Danville and from January 15, 1919, until August 15, 1934, he was auditor and assistant treasurer of the Allith-Prouty

Company, a builders' hardware manufacturing company. On the 1st of July, 1934, he was appointed chief United States deputy marshal and to the duties of this position he has given his undivided attention since his retirement from business.

In early manhood Mr. Senger was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Walsh, daughter of Michael and Rose (Brophy) Walsh, both of whom are deceased. Michael Walsh was a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Senger are the parents of two sons: Frank B., Jr., born January 23, 1919; and Jack, born August 29, 1922. Mr. Senger belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, being connected with Danville Lodge No. 332. He is also a member of Council No. 754 of the Knights of Columbus, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church and the American Legion Post No. 210. He has always resided in Danville, where he is well known, many of his staunchest friends being those who have been acquainted with him from his boyhood days to the present.

HERBERT OAKMAN

Prominent among the democratic leaders of McDonough county is numbered Herbert Oakman, of Macomb, who is also well known as a representative of agricultural interests, having for the past quarter of a century farmed the same tract of land. McDonough county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Hire township, September 26, 1876. He is a grandson of Isaac A. and Mary E. (Campbell) Oakman, the former a native of Pennsylvania, whence he removed westward, establishing his home in Illinois. For many years he successfully followed farming in Hire township, McDonough county, and he was also active in the public life of the community. He voted with the democratic party, served on the board of supervisors and was also a school trustee and school director, the cause of education finding in him a warm friend. For one term he filled the office of county treasurer of McDonough county and he attended several of the state conventions of his party. He held membership in the Methodist Church and took a very active, helpful and prominent part in its work. His son, Frank Oakman, was born in Pennsylvania, December 14, 1851, and his life record covered the intervening period to the 6th of January, 1914, when he passed away. He, too, was a farmer of Hire township, McDonough county, throughout practically all of his active life, but he spent his last years in Macomb in the enjoyment of a rest which he had truly earned and richly deserved. He was a staunch democrat and a faithful follower of the teachings of the Methodist Church. He married Henrietta Hamner, who was born in Kentucky, April 6, 1853, and who died in September, 1933, when eighty years of age.

Herbert Oakman attended the rural schools of Hire township and spent two years as a student in the Normal Business College at Macomb. He has always been identified with agricultural interests and during the past twenty-five years has farmed the same place in Scotland township, McDonough county, bringing his land under a high state of cultivation, so that he annually harvests good crops.

On the 15th of May, 1900, Mr. Oakman was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Runkle and they are the parents of four children, as follows: Helen, the wife of A. E. Tanner, of Chicago; Harold; Ralph; and Wayne. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist Church and Mr. Oakman has been an earnest church worker, teaching a class in the Sunday school for the past decade. He has also done much to further the interests of the schools, has served on the school board for many years and is now a school trustee. In politics he has also held to the faith of the family by earnestly supporting the democratic party and since 1922 he has continuously served as precinct committeeman, being reelected every two years. He was also on the executive committee from 1924 until 1934 and he has attended practically all of the state conventions since becoming an active party worker. On the 1st of February, 1933, he was appointed maintenance supervisor in the fourth district, in which

connection he has supervision over a territory that comprises five counties. His record as a public official is one which commends him to the confidence and regard of his fellow townsmen, for he has ever been most loyal to his duties.

DALLAS YOUNGER LANGLEY

Dallas Younger Langley, superintendent of the County Home of Sangamon county, with residence at Buffalo, was born in Taylorville, Christian county, Illinois, October 12, 1882. His parents, Moses D. and Samantha (Rohadamel) Langley, were also natives of Illinois, and the father, who was born December 3, 1849, has devoted his life to farming. He is recognized as a "hard shell" democrat and has long been a party leader in his locality but has never aspired to office, preferring that his public service shall be done as a private citizen. In his family were two sons and two daughters: Elto, now Mrs. H. S. Armstrong, of Mount Auburn, Illinois; Vivian, the wife of R. Emmett Kelly, of Peoria, Illinois; Dallas Y.; and Charles Kirkwood, who died at the age of thirty years.

Dallas Y. Langley attended the rural schools of his native county and also the public schools of Taylorville, including the high school. When he had completed his education he began working in a hotel in Taylorville and later became a bartender, being thus employed for four years. Since that time he has spent twenty-six years on his farm in Cooper township, Sangamon county, near Mechanicsburg, and brought his land under a high state of cultivation, the fields producing excellent crops year by year. He still maintains this farm in addition to his work as superintendent of the County Home. It was on the 1st of March, 1934, that Mr. Langley was appointed to his present position and he has done excellent service for the public in this connection. He had previously been collector of Cooper township for two terms and for some time has been precinct committeeman. He likewise served on the election board and as judge of elections in Cooper township. He belongs to the Roosevelt-Horner Democratic Organization and does everything in his power to win legitimate democratic victories.

On the 6th of February, 1909, Mr. Langley was married to Miss Lulu Troxell, of Edinburg, Illinois, a daughter of John and Annie (Waters) Troxell, the latter a daughter of Daniel Waters, who was a prominent democrat and for twenty years served as county supervisor in Sangamon county. Mrs. Langley is a member of the Democratic Women's League of this county. By her marriage she has become the mother of two sons and a daughter: Byron, who is twenty-three years of age and is doing road maintenance work for Sangamon county; Charles, twenty-one years of age, who is assistant manager of the Majestic Theatre in Springfield; and Louise, aged seventeen, who was graduated from the Springfield high school in 1934. The family are members of the Methodist Church and have a large circle of warm friends throughout their home community.

GEORGE EDWARD ANDERSON

Among the public officials of Illinois who have their headquarters in Harrisburg is numbered George Edward Anderson, who is associated with the department of labor as a member of the industrial commission. Practically his entire life has been spent in this section of the state. He was born near Harrisburg, January 15, 1887, and is a son of Sampson A. and Sarah Catherine (Cable) Anderson. He attended the Harrisburg public schools and in a competitive examination won a scholarship for a two years' course in the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale, where he was a student in 1907 and 1908. He taught school in Saline county for three years and subsequently spent a year as bookkeeper in the local offices of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company. In 1912 he went with the Saline County Coal Company as top foreman and held that position of responsibility for fourteen years. In 1927 he began selling insurance and remained an active worker in that field of business until August, 1933.

From the time he attained his majority Mr. Anderson has been a democratic voter and his effective work for the party found recognition when in August, 1933, he was appointed to the division of industrial commission of the department of labor, with headquarters in Harrisburg. He has since acted in this capacity and is systematic and faithful in the discharge of all the duties that devolve upon him. He lives upon and superintends his farm near Harrisburg and he is a member of the Saline County Employers Association. In the 1932 campaign he was the first democrat in Saline county to start action in favor of the present state slate. He is vice president of the Jeffersonian Club of Harrisburg, is chairman of the county central committee and has attended many county and state conventions. His labors, whether in office or out of it, have been productive of substantial results and as a democratic worker he has largely furthered party interests in his section of Illinois.

In November, 1909, at Benton, Illinois, Mr. Anderson wedded Ora Jane Mace and they have five children: Grace, Hallie, Jane, Charles and Wayne. Mr. Anderson belongs to the Masonic fraternity and is considered one of the best informed men on the teachings of the craft in southern Illinois. He also belongs to the Kiwanis Club and is a loyal follower of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The rules which have ever governed his conduct have made him a man among men, esteemed and honored wherever known and most of all where best known.

WILLIAM ELTON BERRY

William Elton Berry, postmaster of Zeigler, Franklin county, to which office he was appointed in February, 1934, was born in Harrisburg, Saline county, Illinois, April 9, 1896. His grandfather, John M. Berry, became an early resident of Saline county and engaged extensively in farming. His agricultural holdings being among the largest in that section. His son, George F. Berry, who was one of a family of eleven children, was born in Saline county, June 1, 1864, and he, too, took up the occupation of farming, his work at all times being characterized by progressive methods. He is still an active factor in farming circles and in politics is an earnest democrat. Three times he has filled the office of township highway commissioner and has twice been township supervisor in Cottage Grove township. He has also served as chairman of the county board of supervisors and as chairman of the county central committee. His wife, Miriam McKenzie, was born in Saline county, one of a family of nine children whose father was a veterinary surgeon who died during the early girlhood of his daughter, Mrs. Berry. Both the Berry and McKenzie families were of democratic faith.

William E. Berry completed a high school education in Harrisburg with the class of 1916. The following year the United States entered the World war and he volunteered five times but each time was rejected on account of the condition of his eyes. Unable to render his country military aid, he then turned to the business world and for four months was employed in a furniture store. Later he and his father purchased a half interest in an implement business in Harrisburg, which was then conducted under the firm style of Huffman & Berry until 1918, when they sold out. William E. Berry next traveled for two years for the Bonnell Sales Company of Evansville, and he also owned an interest in the business. He likewise handled oil leases and real estate for two years and in 1922 removed to Centralia, where he was employed as a representative of the Fox Hardwood Lumber Company until 1925, which was the year of his arrival in Zeigler. Here he established business on his own account in the production and jobbing of mine timbers. This business he still owns, but it is now being carried on by his wife, while Mr. Berry gives his attention largely to his duties as postmaster, having been appointed to the office in February, 1934.

In 1917, in Bardwell, Kentucky, Mr. Berry and Miss Faye Mount were married. The lady is a daughter of E. W. Mount, a stock dealer. She was born in Saline county, Illinois, and has become the mother of two sons: William E.,



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Jr., fourteen years of age; and Robert Erwin, aged ten. The parents are both members of the Methodist Church and Mr. Berry is a Mason and a Rotarian. He turns to hunting when leisure hours permit and is the owner of fine bird dogs. Both Mr. and Mrs. Berry are democrats and the latter is very active in the women's democratic organizations of southern Illinois. When a boy Mr. Berry would drive all day in the mud to aid democratic voters in getting to the polls. He now furnishes his automobile for this purpose and he does everything in his power to win legitimate democratic victories, for he deems the basic principles of the party platform vital elements in the promotion of good government.

THOMAS PATRICK SINNETT

Thomas Patrick Sinnett, floor leader of the Illinois house of representatives and a member of the legislature from the thirty-third district, is regarded as one of the foremost democrats of the state and one who wields a wide influence in political circles. He was born on a farm near Hopedale, in Tazewell county, Illinois, March 17, 1880, and is a son of Michael and Johanna Sinnett, both of whom have passed away. They spent their entire lives in Illinois, where the father was a farmer.

The public school training which Thomas P. Sinnett received was supplemented by study in the Illinois State Normal University, from which institution he was graduated in 1904. He next attended the University of Illinois and won his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1909. He took a law course in Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, and passed the bar examination without graduating. He was admitted to practice in this state in 1912. For ten years he engaged in teaching in the schools of Illinois, spending seven years of that period in the Rock Island high school, where his attention was largely devoted to the teaching of social science. In 1916 he became United States commissioner and acted in that capacity until 1925. He has also been public administrator and he has for a number of years been a member of the Illinois legislature, acting as floor leader during the session of 1933-34. He has always made a close and earnest study of the science of government, delves to the root of the matter in solving intricate and involved political problems and presents with clearness and force any subject which he discusses before the public.

In 1912 Mr. Sinnett was united in marriage to Miss Jeannette C. Connadan, who was born near Decatur, Illinois, and who passed away in 1923, leaving two daughters, Mary and Margaret. The family attends St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Mr. Sinnett is identified with the Knights of Columbus. He is also an Eagle, a Moose, a Modern Woodman and an Elk and is popular in these organizations, where his many sterling qualities are recognized by his associates. In his political work he combines practical methods with high ideals and lofty purposes and at all times is actuated by unflinching devotion to the most advanced standards of citizenship.

WILLIAM W. HART

William W. Hart, a well known figure in democratic circles and now secretary of the Illinois Commerce Commission, is a native of Benton, Franklin county, Illinois, and a son of William H. and Mary Ward (East) Hart. His father is a distinguished attorney of Benton, and his mother is equally well known through her activities in civic affairs and as a past president of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hart have a family of two sons and two daughters, namely: William W., of this review; Marion M., who married Constance Skinner; Mary, who became the wife of Hubert Tabor, of Benton, Illinois; and Mabel, who is the wife of Ellis Kriekhaus, of Boston, Massachusetts, and has one child.

William W. Hart attended the public schools of his native city and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1912. He then matriculated in the University of Illinois and completed the four-year course in the law department by graduation in 1916. Returning to Benton, he entered into partner-

ship with his father and his brother, Marion M. Hart, the latter being now state's attorney, to which office he was chosen in 1928 and re-elected in 1932. While William W. Hart had the benefit of association with his father and his brother, he had entered a profession in which advancement depends entirely upon individual effort and steadily he made progress, continuing in active practice in Benton until 1933, when he received appointment to the position of secretary of the Illinois Commerce Commission. Mr. Hart has always given his support to the democratic party since attaining his majority, has worked in stalwart manner for its success and for two terms, from 1930 until 1934, has been chairman of the Franklin county democratic central committee.

Mr. Hart married Alberta Andrews, of Benton, Illinois, a daughter of William and Alberta Andrews, and they have one son, William Ward, Jr. Mr. Hart is a member of the Christian Church and in the Masonic fraternity has taken the various degrees, becoming a member of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Phi Delta Phi fraternity. Well known in his section of the state, he is forging to the front in his profession and in democratic circles as well.

EDWARD S. COLLINS

Illinois Democracy has never had a more sincere or loyal adherent than the late Edward S. Collins of Morgan county, whose sudden and unexpected death occurred on August 28, 1934 while he was dedicating the new grandstand at the Morgan County Fair. As manager of the last two Illinois State Fairs, he gained unprecedented acclaim from the public and state officials, and for over a quarter century he was a devoted and sincere servant of the democratic party. The success of the party in recent years in the state of Illinois may largely be attributed to such sterling citizens as Mr. Collins in its ranks, who gave not only of their unrestrained labor in its behalf, but by their prestige and accomplishments lent character to it, and have brought it to its present elevated plane.

Mr. Collins was born on a farm near Prentice, in Morgan county, Illinois, November 25, 1879, and lived there during his entire life. He was a son of Patrick and Mary (Jordan) Collins. Patrick Collins was a native of Ireland and came to the United States when he was a boy. He was always a farmer by occupation and, like his descendants, gave his political allegiance to the democratic party. Mary J. Collins, mother of Edward S., was also born in Ireland, but married Mr. Collins in the United States.

Edward S. Collins was reared on the home farm, which he owned at the time of his death. The public schools of his district provided him with his early education, which was supplemented by a course in the Business College at Jacksonville. For seven years he was engaged in the grain business in Orleans, Morgan county, but thereafter he farmed the old homestead. While living in Morgan county, Mr. Collins engaged extensively in farm bureau activities and was president of the Morgan Farmers Oil Company. Likewise he was instrumental in the development of the Morgan County Fair. He was secretary of this for many years, was president of the association for a long period, and for the last three years was a member of the board of directors.

Merited honor was accorded Mr. Collins on April 6, 1933, when he was appointed by Gov. Henry Horner as manager of the Illinois State Fair. It is a tribute to his memory that the last two expositions of the Illinois State Fair were the most successful in its history. His work in this connection was superlative, and infinitely satisfactory to all concerned.

Education was also a matter of heart interest to Mr. Collins, and for six years he was a member of the Yatesville School District board. Civic affairs and the betterment of community in every way was of pertinent interest to him, and his cooperation in such things was consistent.

Democracy was a vital subject to him from the time he was a very young man. He was a true and loyal member of the party for the remainder of his life. For twenty-three years, he was a precinct committeeman, and for a number of years he was treasurer of the Morgan county democratic central committee.

In addition to his affiliation with the Illinois State Fair, Mr. Collins for the last eight years was a member of the board of directors of the Morgan County Fair, which is the second largest in the state in the amount of premiums paid. For the past three years, he was secretary of the County Fair Association. His regime was characterized by extraordinary financial success.

Mr. Collins was united in marriage in 1907 to Lillian Mae Pierman of Morgan County, and they became the parents of one daughter, Mary Catherine.

Mr. Collins' death on August 28, 1934, suddenly occurred while he was attending the exercises in dedication of a new grandstand at the Morgan County Fair. His passing was a severe shock to the countryside, but he has left a memory which is imperishable. In this respect it is appropriate to quote the words of Governor Horner, which were published in the Register at the time of Mr. Collins' death:

"The death of Edward S. Collins is a tremendous shock to me. Only last Saturday he stood at my side at the races out at the state fairgrounds. He was at the height of enthusiasm, and seemingly in the best of health.

"Mr. Collins' sterling character and excellent record in the fields of agriculture and business led to his being appointed by me as general manager of the Illinois State Fair. That the two expositions held under his direction were the most successful in Illinois history will be a lasting tribute to his memory; and his fellow-citizens and his many friends should find consolation in the fact that he left us at a time when he was at the climax of his greatest success, flushed with happiness over the results of the task which he had so well performed for his beloved Illinois. He was an exemplar of devoted and conscientious and effective public service. I shall sorely and sadly miss him."

Edward S. Collins was a devoted communicant of the Catholic Church at Ashland and belonged to the Jacksonville Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His wife and daughter survive him and reside in their home about a quarter mile west of Prentice, happy in the loving remembrance of one of Illinois' most stanch and respected democratic citizens.

DR. H. C. RINEHART

One of the most widely-known and reputable veterinary surgeons in the state of Illinois and now serving as chief of the state veterinary department is Dr. H. C. Rinehart, a resident of Rushville, Schuyler county. He also is one of the democratic party's most loyal adherents and he has his offices in the Centennial Building in Springfield. The doctor is a native of Rushville, his birth having occurred there January 1, 1887, his parents being John and Mary Aline (Corbin) Rinehart. The father was born in Ohio, of German parentage, and when four years of age accompanied his family to Illinois, where he later became a prominent farmer and stockman. His political faith was that of the democratic party. He held a number of public positions, among them township tax collector, school director, and member of the county board of supervisors. His death occurred August 6, 1929. His wife was born in Schuyler county, Illinois.

Doctor Rinehart began his education in the public schools of Rushville, followed by a course in Kennedy's Normal and Business College there. He then entered the Killip Veterinary College in Chicago and from that institution received the M. D. V. degree in 1911. Immediately he established himself in active practice in Rushville and so continued until July 19, 1933, on which date he was appointed chief of the veterinary department of the Illinois state government. This department includes a personnel of almost a thousand veterinarians and does a vast amount of important work. In his profession Doctor Rinehart has won many other honors and important recognition. For many years he has been an assistant state veterinarian. He served one year as secretary of the American Veterinarians Association for Illinois, and is now again in this position. He is state chairman of the Illinois Democratic Veterinary Medical Association. The doctor is considered one of the foremost authorities in veterinary practice and

has always been a thorough student of the profession, following closely the modern developments. He is a member of the Mississippi Valley Medical Association, the Illinois State Medical Association, and the United States Sanitary Association. In public and political affairs of his home county, Doctor Rinehart has participated with the genuine interest of a true citizen and he has served as a member of the city council of Rushville for two terms. In social and fraternal affairs he has likewise been interested, and is a member of the blue lodge and chapter of the Masons, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

In the year 1913, Doctor Rinehart took as his wife Miss Dorothy Lamler, a member of one of Rushville's old democratic families. To them have been born three children. Morris, the eldest, is now a student in economics at Northwestern University; James Oliver, second in order of birth, is attending Springfield high school; and Betty Lou, the youngest, is at home. Mrs. Rinehart is very active in the Presbyterian Church and for ten years was president of the Guild in Rushville. She is of old American colonial stock, her great-great-grandfather, James A. Lamler, having been secretary to General George Washington.

MRS. GARNETT (CARSON) ALDRICH

No one has been more active in organizing the democratic women of Pulaski county than Mrs. Garnett (Carson) Aldrich, who became the first president of the women's organization and yet fills the office. Moreover, she is serving as master in chancery and is regarded as one of the most prominent representatives of the democratic party in southern Illinois. She makes her home at Villa Ridge and has been a resident of this state since about 1913. She was born in Mount Vernon, Indiana, March 8, 1897, and came with her parents to Illinois when sixteen years of age, the family settling on a farm at Ullin.

Garnett Carson was graduated from the high school at Ullin with the class of 1914. In the summer of that year she attended the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale and from 1914 until 1916 taught school, being a teacher at Ullin in 1914, in Alexander county, in 1915 and at Villa Ridge in 1916. The following year she became the bride of Thomas H. Aldrich, who was born on the farm on which he now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich have one son, Carl.

Mrs. Aldrich did her first party work for Woodrow Wilson when he was a candidate for the presidency for the second time. She has always been very active in party work and in August, 1932, she was appointed county chairman. She took a very active part in forming the women's organization of Pulaski county, was elected its first president and still holds the office. It is believed that the women of Pulaski county made possible the election of a candidate on the democratic county ticket. She was the first chairwoman in the county to form a women's democratic organization and she was also the first democrat to be elected to the office of master in chancery in Pulaski county, which position she is now acceptably filling. For two years she was president of the House of Science Club and she belongs to the Congregational Church, in the work of which she has long taken an active and helpful interest, formerly teaching a class in the Sunday school and cooperating in all of the movements and plans of the church for the moral uplift and advancement of the community. Mrs. Aldrich is a member of Villa Ridge Rebekah Lodge No. 713, and at present noble grand, and a member of Royal Neighbor Lodge at Ullin. Her worth in every field to which she directs her activities is widely acknowledged and she is regarded as one of the representative women of her section of the state.

CHARLES J. LORCH

Prominent in the ranks of Illinois democrats is C. J. Lorch, of Springfield, who now holds the responsible position of assistant state purchasing agent, a place which he has won in the state administrative system through the efficient discharge of his duties in various positions during the preceding years. Mr.



MRS. GARNETT (CARSON) ALDRICH

Lorch is a native of Worden, Madison county, Illinois, born July 30, 1879, and is a son of Killian Lorch, who was born in Louisiana and was a staunch democrat. He served as a village clerk and in other public capacities. His wife was before their marriage Ada Handshy. She was a sister of Fred Handshy, known as a leading democrat of the state, and for his association with the Illinois Traction Company of East St. Louis.

C. J. Lorch attended the Lutheran schools and subsequently was a student in the high school of Edwardsville. When he was fourteen years old, he went to Forrest, Illinois, to live with an uncle, who was a train dispatcher, and in that city he continued his high school studies. He took a course in the Brown Business College of Decatur and there won record honors in mastering shorthand. In fact, during his youthful years, Mr. Lorch manifested extraordinary ability in his educational work, and when only thirteen years of age was a correspondent for the Edwardsville paper owned by Charles Boeschstein. He first started work at Decatur, Illinois, with the Wabash Railroad as a clerk for Edward Shelah, who was engineer of maintenance of way. From this point he progressed steadily. He was promoted to the trainmaster's office, then to the chief dispatcher's office, then to the superintendent's office, and in 1904 he was appointed chief clerk in the general claim department under Bryant C. Winston, a lifelong democrat. In 1909 Mr. Lorch made an important change in his vocation by resigning from the railroad service and coming to Springfield. He entered the state house as a stenographer under Governor Deneen, and in 1917 he became assistant purchasing agent under the civil administration code. During the administration of Governor Emmerson, he was in charge of the general office in the department of purchases and construction and on July 1, 1933, when this department was abolished, he became an employee of the department of waterways. Finally, in January, 1934, he was appointed assistant purchasing agent under Maxwell S. Bibb. Mr. Lorch's long connection with the various departments of public service most convincingly proves his ability in such work and his thorough and intimate knowledge of the complexities therein.

On August 24, 1907, Mr. Lorch was married to Violet Grace George, of Springfield, Illinois, a daughter of John P. George. To their union there has been born one son, Charles, who graduated from the Springfield high school and is now a student at Illinois College in Jacksonville. Mrs. Lorch takes an active part in social and welfare work; is a member of the circle of the Old Ladies' Home, and of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Mr. Lorch has attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter, council, commandery, consistory, the Mystic Shrine, and the Jesters in Springfield. His talents in music are widely known, and in this art he has organized and trained the Ansar Shrine band and also the Springfield Consistory band. Mr. Lorch's citizenship has been one of unquestioned loyalty and observance of his duties as a member of the community, and he has won many friends thereby.

THOMAS A. BOLGER

Thomas A. Bolger, a member of the state legislature, representing the eighth district in the lawmaking body of Illinois, was born April 20, 1887, on the farm where he now lives in Nunda township, McHenry county, his parents being Walter and Ellen (Knox) Bolger. He attended the schools of his native township and afterward became a pupil in the high school at McHenry, from which he was graduated in 1902. He next entered the Ellis Business College of Elgin, in which he completed his course in 1908. He was employed in the Citizens State Bank at McHenry when his father died in 1914, at which time he returned to the home farm, whereon he has since lived, his time and attention being largely given to the further cultivation of the fields and the development of the property.

On the 18th of November, 1915, Mr. Bolger was united in marriage to Miss Grace Doherty and they are the parents of ten children, namely, Vivian, Eleanore, Walter, Mabel, Thomas, William, Lillian, Anna, Margaret and Rita.

Mr. Bolger has always been interested in politics since his high school days and for four years he served as a member of the board of review of McHenry county. He has also been a member of the local school board for several years. In 1928 he was made the democratic nominee for the state legislature but was defeated. In 1930 he again became a candidate, was elected, was re-elected in 1932 and in 1934 once more became a candidate without opposition. His legislative record is commendable, for he has done important service for his party and the state at large, being a staunch advocate of those causes in which he has faith as factors in good government. He was also appointed a member of the milk investigating commission. He is a communicant of the Catholic Church and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Foresters. He is genial, kindly and well poised, with a keen intellect that results in clear insight into important problems.

DARCE FIELDS RUMSEY

On the 5th of June, 1933, Darce Fields Rumsey was elected to the bench of the first judicial circuit of Illinois, and as judge of this district he is fully justifying the confidence and support of his fellow townsmen who placed him in office. His experience at the bar covers a period of nineteen years and in his practice he has displayed comprehensive familiarity with legal principles, together with a lack of bias in forming opinions and in presenting his cause before the courts.

Judge Rumsey makes his home in Harrisburg and is a native son of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Eddyville, October 10, 1885, his parents being Fields and Martha Rumsey. In the grade schools of Pope county he pursued his early education, which he supplemented by study in the Southern Illinois State Teachers College at Carbondale. He afterward took both literary and law courses in University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was graduated in 1913, at which time the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him. He has practiced his profession continuously since 1915 and before the courts was always regarded as a strong, forceful and resourceful lawyer who ever closely studied his cases and was prepared not only for the expected but also for the unexpected, which happens quite as frequently in the courts as out of them. He served as state's attorney of Saline county from 1928 until 1932.

On the 10th of October, 1917, in Harrisburg, Illinois, Judge Rumsey was married to Miss Edith H. Webster and they have many friends in the city where they make their home. The religious faith of Judge Rumsey is indicated by his membership in the First Presbyterian Church of Harrisburg, while fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club and is interested in all that has to do with civic welfare or with the improvement of the general conditions that surround the individual and retard or advance his opportunities. In voting he has given his support to the democratic party and has taken an active part in the campaigns since 1916, frequently addressing the public on the vital questions and problems of the day. He has always kept well informed concerning political issues and is at all times able to support his position by intelligent argument.

ROBERT M. HARPER

Robert M. Harper has the distinction of owning and editing the only democratic paper in Rock Island county, the East Moline Herald, and he has made it an influential factor in political circles in northwestern Illinois. A native of Monmouth, this state, he was born December 17, 1891, of the marriage of Charles A. and Anna D. (MacMillan) Harper, the latter now deceased. The father, who was a foundry superintendent for many years, is now living retired and well merits the rest which he is enjoying.

Robert M. Harper studied in the Monmouth high school and afterward attended the University of Washington at Seattle, where he pursued a course in journalism. In 1913 he became identified with the East Moline Herald and later purchased the paper, of which he has since been editor and owner. As the only democratic sheet of Rock Island county it exerts a widely felt influence over public thought and action, and Mr. Harper uses its columns to further the growth and development of the party and win successes for its candidates. He has served on the democratic committee of East Moline, has been secretary and also treasurer of the county central committee and was a candidate for state senator. There is also an interesting military chapter in his life record, for he joined the army in June, 1918, and served until December, 1919, becoming a sergeant and lecturer in the Motor Transport Corps. He has membership in the American Legion.

On the 1st of June, 1916, Mr. Harper was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Sackville. He belongs to the Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, while along strictly social lines he has connection with the Short Hill Country Club. He is popular among his many friends and is one of the best known residents of East Moline, where as a newspaper publisher and as a citizen he has high rank.

JOSEPH F. BARTLEY

Among the recognized leaders of the Peoria bar is numbered Joseph F. Bartley, whose recognition of and loyalty to the high standards and ethics of the profession have resulted in winning for him the enviable place that he now fills. His record is such that Peoria is proud to number him among her native sons. He was born December 17, 1885, his parents being Patrick and Margaret (Hayes) Bartley. The father was born in La Porte, Indiana, a son of John and Mary Bartley. The former came from Ireland and established his home on a farm near La Porte, Indiana, where his remaining days were passed. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops and joined the Union army, with which he saw active service at the front. To him and his wife were born six sons, two of whom, James and John, became residents of Chicago. Margaret (Hayes) Bartley, mother of Joseph F. Bartley, was a daughter of Edward and Margaret Hayes. Her father was likewise a native of the Emerald Isle and on coming to the new world settled on a farm north of Detroit, Michigan. Edward and Margaret Hayes were the parents of seven children, their daughter, Margaret, becoming the wife of Patrick Bartley. They were married in Marquette, Michigan, and established their home in Urbana, Illinois. Patrick Bartley, who was a master boilermaker, occupied a responsible position in the railroad shops until 1885, when the family settled in Peoria. The children were John J., Mary L., Helen C., Genevieve, Peter E., William A. and Joseph F.

The last named pursued his education in the Peoria schools and in the Bradley Polytechnic Institute, where he spent six years. When his more specifically literary course was completed he determined to take up the study of law and to this end entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he was graduated with the LL. B. degree in 1908. Admitted to the bar, he entered upon active practice the same year in Peoria as an associate of Joseph A. Weil. About four years later they formed a partnership which continued until 1931 when Mr. Bartley entered into partnership with Herbig Younge under the firm name of Bartley & Younge. Mr. Bartley has continuously practiced since 1908, or for a period of more than a quarter century, and his record is one of steady advancement, so that his name is closely associated with many of the most important cases that have appeared in the courts here. There is no requisite of successful law practice that has not been displayed in his active and useful career, winning for him a place of leadership among Peoria's attorneys.

Mr. Bartley was married to Miss Mary Saal, of Pekin, Illinois, a daughter

of Jacob and Mary (Herbig) Saal. They have three children: Margaret and Joseph F., who are attending the University of Michigan, and Thomas S. who is attending Spalding Institute of Peoria. The family is very prominent in Catholic circles and Mr. Bartley belongs to the Knights of Columbus, in which he is past grand knight. He also served as district deputy in that order and in 1931 he was made a Knight of St. Gregory by Pope Pius XI, being the only individual so honored in this diocese. In politics he has always been a consistent democrat and a loyal party worker, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. He upholds the political principles in which he believes through intelligent argument and by his support at the ballot box, but he concentrates his efforts and attention largely upon his professional interests and is a member of the Peoria, Illinois State and American bar associations.

ADOLPH J. SCHUESSLER

With the industrial development of Madison county Adolph J. Schuessler of Alton has been closely identified and is now the active head of the Schuessler Foundry Company, which has forty employes. A native of Belleville, St. Clair county, Illinois, he was born September 4, 1883, and is a son of Nicholas and Mary (Nering) Schuessler, both of whom were natives of this state. The father became a building contractor, following that line of business in Belleville. He gave his political allegiance to the democratic party and his brother George was very active in party affairs.

At the usual age Adolph J. Schuessler became a public school pupil in his native city and passed through consecutive grades to the high school. In young manhood he started work in a foundry, learned the trade and by his thoroughness, reliability and enterprise worked his way upward until in a comparatively brief time he was made foreman. At the age of twenty-five years he accepted the superintendency of the Belleville Foundry Company and conducted its business for eight years, during which time he put the enterprise firmly on its feet financially. In 1913 he removed to Alton, where he built his present foundry, establishing a business which has become one of the important productive industries of the city. He had been very successful while in Belleville in making glass bottle molds and he came to Alton at the solicitation of the Illinois Glass Company. The Schuessler Foundry Company is a close family corporation and furnishes employment to forty people, who, under the direction of Adolph J. Schuessler, are turning out work that makes this one of the profitable business concerns of the city.

In 1906 Mr. Schuessler was married to Miss Helen Mountain, a native of New Jersey, who completed her education in Indiana as a student in St. Mary of the Woods Academy. Their children are: Helen, now Mrs. J. Scott, of Philadelphia; and Adolph, Jr., a student in the University of Chicago, where he is well known as a football player, being half back on the university team, while in Alton he was captain of the high school team. Mrs. Schuessler is active in church and social circles. Mr. Schuessler belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Elks lodge, in which he was exalted ruler in 1928. He also has membership in the Madison Country Club and greatly enjoys golf, hunting and fishing, his recreation along these lines constituting an even balance to his intense business activity.

JOHN B. FELMLEY

John B. Felmley, secretary of the J. L. Simmons Company of Bloomington, also figures actively in local politics as chairman of the Young Democratic Club of McLean county. He was born in Normal, McLean county, Illinois, June 27, 1895, his parents being David and Auta (Stout) Felmley, the former a native of New Jersey, while the latter was born in Ohio and reared at Carrollton. David Felmley, who spent practically his entire life in Normal, Illinois, was president of the Illinois State Normal University for thirty years. A prominent



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educator, he was a candidate for the office of state superintendent of schools in 1898, and he was long an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party.

John B. Felmley began his education as a grammar school pupil of Normal and continued his studies at the University high school there. In 1920, when a young man of twenty-five years, he was graduated from the architectural engineering department of the University of Illinois. In June, 1917, he had entered the United States Navy Reserve Force and was stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois, as a warrant officer in charge of public works until honorably discharged in July, 1919, when he returned to college. It was while attending school that he began the athletic career which has made his name a familiar one throughout the state. He played on the navy team at Great Lakes and was also a member of the basketball team at the University of Illinois for three years. Following his graduation he was connected with the Mississippi Valley Structural Steel Company in 1920 and 1921 and in the latter year became identified with the J. L. Simmons Company of Bloomington in the capacity of general superintendent, thus serving until 1926. Since that year he has held the official position of secretary of the company and his efforts have constituted an important factor in the steady expansion and success of the business.

On the 12th of February, 1924, Mr. Felmley was united in marriage to Estella Hixon, of Evansville, Indiana. He is a member of Delta Epsilon, has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the Masonic fraternity and is also affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose. His religious faith is indicated by the membership in the Unitarian Church, of which he is a director. He is likewise a member of the American Legion, the Illinois Society of Engineers and the McLean County Farm Bureau. Interested in politics since attaining his majority, Mr. Felmley became a member of the democratic county committee in 1932 and is also serving on its executive committee. He organized and became chairman of the Young Democratic Club of McLean county, a strong political group of twenty-one hundred members. In the 1934 primary, he was a candidate for congress from the seventeenth Illinois congressional district.

W. J. REARDON

W. J. Reardon, elected judge of the county court of Tazewell county in 1934, has back of his judicial service long and valuable experience as a member of the bar, so that his highly developed powers in the line of his profession well qualify him for his work on the bench. He was born on a farm in Tazewell county in June, 1878, a son of Bryan and Anna (Fleming) Reardon, natives of Ireland, the former born in Tipperary and the latter in County Waterford. The paternal grandfather was Daniel Reardon, who came with his family to the United States in 1850, settling in Providence, Rhode Island, but a short time afterward removing to Delavan Prairie, Illinois, where he established his home on a farm. His wife bore the maiden name of Margaret Keefe. The maternal grandfather of Judge Reardon was Thomas Fleming, who died in Ireland, but the others of the family came to Illinois in 1857. Captain John Reardon, an uncle of the Judge, served in the Civil war, and another uncle, Edward Reardon, filled the office of state's attorney of Tazewell county from 1880 to 1884. In the family of Bryan and Anna Reardon were eight sons, five of whom are living, as follows: W. J., M. D., C. H., C. C. and Micael. Gerald Reardon, deceased, was an attorney of Jerseyville, Illinois. E. E. Reardon, who has also passed away, was the first district attorney in Oklahoma City.

W. J. Reardon, after attending high school in Delavan, Illinois, entered the University of Nebraska, where he pursued his law course, receiving the LL. B. degree. He first practiced in East St. Louis and then removed to Pekin, where he soon gained rank as an able attorney, his ability winning him leadership at the Tazewell county bar. In 1908 he was elected state's attorney and filled the office for eight years, retiring in 1916. From 1918 until 1922 he was state central committeeman from the sixteenth congressional district, and he has attended all

the democratic state conventions in the last twenty years as a delegate or visitor. He was signally honored in 1934 when he was elected to the bench of the county court and the public has implicit faith in his ability to conduct the trial of cases in a fair and impartial manner. Prior to his taking the bench, however, on November 16, 1934, Judge J. T. Culbertson, the incumbent of the county bench, became a judge of the circuit court and Judge Reardon was accordingly commissioned by Governor Horner to fill out Judge Culbertson's unexpired term before assuming the bench by his own elective right. Before taking his seat, Judge Reardon was also attorney for the Home Owners' Loan Corporation.

In early manhood, Judge Reardon was united in marriage to Miss Marie Albertson, a native of Pekin, Illinois, and a daughter of V. J. and Sophia (Koch) Albertson. Fraternally the judge is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has always concentrated his time and attention on his profession, making the interests of his clients his first consideration, and so he won the respect and confidence of the men and women who voted him to his present responsible and dignified position.

CHARLES L. HODGE

Charles L. Hodge, who was appointed postmaster of Mason in June, 1933, was born in Effingham county, Illinois, September 5, 1894, a son of George and Sarah E. (Andrews) Hodge. The father was born in White county, Illinois, where his people settled in pioneer times. He was long connected with the maintenance department of the Illinois Central System but is now living retired, making his home in Mason. He has always voted with the democratic party. His wife was born in Effingham county in 1858, her people having come here during the period of early settlement, after which they took active and prominent part in the work of development and progress. Her father, Thomas Andrews, was also active in democratic politics, working earnestly to win success for the party and its candidates, and on various occasions he held township offices.

At the usual age Charles L. Hodge became a pupil in the public schools of Mason, continuing his studies through the various grades until he became a high school student. After his textbooks were put aside he held various clerical positions with construction companies, being thus employed until 1929. He was appointed acting postmaster June 1, 1933, and his appointment was confirmed February 16, 1934. Since of age he has been an earnest worker in the democratic ranks, has attended various local meetings of the party, is a member of the Jeffersonian Club and for five years filled the office of town clerk of Mason. He was also clerk of the town board for several years and has been most faithful and loyal in the discharge of his official duties. He has ever maintained high standards of public service and therefore it was a matter of general satisfaction to his fellow townsmen when he was appointed postmaster of Mason.

In 1920 Mr. Hodge was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Nave, a native of Effingham county, Illinois, and a daughter of Edward and Mattie (Anderson) Nave, who were pioneer farming people of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Hodge are the parents of two children, Charileen and Georgie Allen. Mrs. Hodge, like her husband, is an advocate of democracy and is a member of the Jeffersonian Club.

W. D. BAINE

W. D. Baine, who is now chief bank examiner of the state of Illinois, is eminently fitted for this responsible position by long years of training in banking and finance, and during the times of economic stress his ability and judgment have been of particular value. His services have been regarded with pride by his fellow members of the state democratic party.

Mr. Baine was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the 17th of August, 1889,



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and is a son of William and Margaret (Grimes) Baine. The father, who was born in Rochester, New York, was a manufacturer of refrigerators and refrigeration equipment, and was a democrat of the first rank.

The family moved to Chicago when W. D. Baine was nine years of age, and the public schools there supplied him with his educational opportunities until he graduated from the John Marshall high school. He started in business life as a messenger in the First National Bank of Chicago. For twenty-three years he was associated with this large institution and was steadily advanced until he attained the position of assistant auditor. In 1931 he left the bank on leave of absence for the purpose of becoming chief revenue clerk in the state treasurer's office under Edward T. Barrett. When the latter became auditor, Mr. Baine was appointed chief bank examiner of Illinois, a position which he has filled with ability. In his department, eighteen examiners work out of Springfield, twenty-four out of Chicago, and fifteen in the northern district. His administration of banking affairs in Illinois has covered the most strenuous financial period, and the present good condition of the Illinois banks is a most convincing indication of the efficiency of the department. Out of the seven hundred and three banks which were closed at the time of the moratorium of March 4, 1933, six hundred and fourteen are now (April, 1934) open and in first class condition. Without exception, every one of these banks which have applied for federal deposit insurance have been accepted, and ninety-eight per cent of the deposits of banks are now available. Mr. Baine became actively interested in democratic affairs under the recommendation of the late Melvin A. Traylor, eminent Chicago banker, and was one of the leading workers in the political campaign of Edward T. Barrett. No party has ever faced a more serious test and problem than did the democratic after the election of Franklin D. Roosevelt to the presidency, and the party is justifiably proud of such men in its ranks as W. D. Baine, who, by their sheer courage and intelligent procedure, are guiding the party to victory.

In the year 1915, Mr. Baine was married to Miss Mary W. Horan, of Chicago, Illinois. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Baine's office is in the state capitol building in Springfield, but his residence address is Cook county, Illinois.

HARRY L. PATE

Harry L. Pate, of Tuscola, who is filling the office of state's attorney of Douglas county, and is a well known member of the bar, was born in Franklin County, Illinois, November 23, 1906. His parents, Lenions A. and Phemia (Williams) Pate, are natives of Kentucky, whence they came to Illinois in the early '90s, settling first in Williamson county and subsequently in Franklin county, where the father is employed as a salesman. He has always voted the democratic ticket and has ever given stalwart support to the party principles.

At the usual age Harry L. Pate entered the public schools and afterward attended high school at Sesser, Illinois. He also spent two years as a student in McKendree College at Lebanon, this state, and then matriculated in the University of Illinois, where he pursued his law course and was graduated in 1930, at which time the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him. The same year he was admitted to the bar and began practice in Villa Grove, Douglas county, where he remained until November 8, 1932. He had been elected state's attorney on the 8th of November, 1932, and in consequence removed to Tuscola, the county seat. His term of office will continue until 1936 and he is rendering capable service as the incumbent in that position, faithfully protecting the legal interests of the county.

Mr. Pate has been active in democratic politics since reaching the age of twenty-one years and was elected senatorial committeeman of the thirty-fourth senatorial district. Since 1930 he has been a delegate to all congressional and judicial conventions and he is frequently heard as a campaign speaker, supporting the entire ticket. In 1932 he organized the Jefferson Club of Douglas county,

of which he is the president and which has a membership of five hundred. His fellow officers are Clyde Larimer, who is the secretary, and Dr. Myron Boylson, who is treasurer.

In 1929 Mr. Pate was united in marriage to Miss Marguerite Joyce, a native of Douglas county, Illinois, and a daughter of Edward and Rose (Brick) Joyce, representing pioneer democratic families of this part of the state. Mrs. Pate is also active in the democratic party and belongs to the Jeffersonian Club and the Douglas County Women's Democratic Club. Mr. Pate holds membership in the Masonic lodge and belongs to the Phi Kappa Delta, a national forensic fraternity, and the Sigma Delta Kappa, a legal fraternity. His interest in community welfare is indicated in his connection with the Chamber of Commerce of Tuscola and with the Rotary Club. Along strictly professional lines he is connected with the Douglas County and Illinois State Bar Associations and is a member of the executive committee of the Illinois States Attorneys Association. He holds to high standards in his profession and conducts his practice along most ethical lines.

LOUIS F. REINHOLD

Louis F. Reinhold, who is now state's attorney in Freeport, Stephenson county, Illinois, is known as a representative member of the democratic party in Illinois and holds an enviable reputation in his home county and district.

Mr. Reinhold was born in Freeport, April 17, 1890 and is a son of Edward and Henderika (Billker) Reinhold, the former a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and the latter of Emden, Germany. The father was for many years in the real estate and insurance business in Freeport and also engaged in the cigar manufacturing business. He was a democrat in his political allegiance and was active in the support of the party.

Louis F. Reinhold graduated from the high school in Freeport in 1910, then attended the University of Wisconsin for one year. After completing his studies, he became associated with the law firm of Witte & Manus, and in April, 1914, was admitted to the state bar of Illinois. He started practice for himself in the same year. From 1914 until 1916, he was assistant states attorney, and in 1917 was elected city attorney of Freeport, which office he retained until 1919. He has been engaged in the general practice alone since 1917, although in 1928 he was chosen as states attorney, and re-elected in 1932. He has served on the democratic central committee of Stephenson county and has in every possible way contributed his support to the party.

Mr. Reinhold was married August 21, 1923, to Miss Ada L. Folgate. The religious connection of Mr. Reinhold is with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his fraternal affiliations are with the Masonic Order, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

EUGENE R. SCHWARTZ

Eugene R. Schwartz, of Naperville, who has the distinction of being the youngest chairman of a county central committee in the state, is now filling the position of superintendent of registration in the department of registration and education at Springfield. He was born in Naperville, Du Page county, Illinois, April 16, 1904, a son of Charles L. and Olive (Dieter) Schwartz, who were also natives of Naperville, where the father engaged in the retail lumber business for a number of years. He passed away February 10, 1930, his wife surviving until September 11, 1933.

After attending the public schools of Naperville, Eugene R. Schwartz entered the University of Notre Dame and received his Civil Engineer degree at his graduation in 1927. He then entered into business with his father and continued actively in the lumber trade until June, 1933, when he was appointed state superintendent of registration, with offices in Springfield. He first became

interested in politics in 1924. His father was chairman of the county central committee of Du Page county and was a candidate for the office of county surveyor. Following the death of his father, Eugene R. Schwartz succeeded him as chairman of the county committee and has thus continued to the present time. He has been a delegate to four state conventions and has attended three national conventions—at New York city in 1924, Houston, Texas, in 1928, and Chicago in 1932. He was filling the office of county chairman when the first democratic candidate in Du Page county was elected circuit judge in 1933 and when Governor Horner carried Du Page county, being the first democratic candidate for chief executive to win a majority in that county. In 1930 there were only four hundred and forty-one democratic ballots cast at the primary. In 1932 there were about forty-four hundred and sixty and in 1934 twelve thousand, three hundred and seventy-five, showing the steady, continuous and substantial growth of democracy in Du Page county, which had previously been a very strong republican county. There are seventy-eight precincts in the county and under the guidance of Mr. Schwartz the work of the party has been thoroughly organized and systematized.

On the 27th of April, 1929, Mr. Schwartz was married to Virginia Krafthefer, a daughter of James M. and Marguerite (Kelly) Krafthefer, who are residents of Wilmette, Illinois, her father being with the Pennoyer Merchants Transfer Company. Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz have a daughter, Virginia M., now four years of age. They are widely and favorably known in Naperville, where Mr. Schwartz has always resided, and his friends throughout the state in democratic circles are constantly increasing as his acquaintance broadens.

ALVIN W. AHRENS

Alvin W. Ahrens, coroner of Logan county, has been connected with the Sheets undertaking establishment of Lincoln during the past decade. He is a popular young native son of Lincoln, Illinois, born September 29, 1902, his parents being Albert and Caroline (Schaffenaeker) Ahrens, who were also born in this state. Albert Ahrens is a prominent figure in financial circles of his community as president of the Lincoln State Bank and has also been an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party for many years. He is now a member of the democratic county committee, on which he has served intermittently for twenty years, and has likewise been a member of the county board of supervisors for several terms. William Schaffenaeker, brother of Mrs. Ahrens, served as sheriff of Logan county for three terms, having been elected to the office on the democratic ticket.

Alvin W. Ahrens attended the parochial and public schools of his native city and was graduated from the Lincoln high school with the class of 1921. He is also a graduate of the Lincoln Business College. He was manager of a glove factory in Lincoln for a brief period prior to serving a year's apprenticeship in the Sheets undertaking parlors of this city. Subsequently he attended the Worsham College of Embalming in Chicago, becoming a licensed embalmer in 1924, and during the past ten years he has been continuously identified in that capacity with the Sheets funeral establishment of Lincoln. Elected coroner of Logan county in 1932, he has since filled the position in a most acceptable and very efficient manner.

On the 7th of October, 1928, Mr. Ahrens was united in marriage to Jane Mason, of Armstrong, Illinois, who is a member of the Delphi Club and became its president in Lincoln. Mr. Ahrens belongs to the Kiwanis Club, is active in membership promotion and was a delegate to its state convention at Bloomington in 1933. He is also a member of the Logan County Young Democratic Club and the United States Army Reserve. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the following Masonic bodies: Lincoln Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Lincoln Chapter, R. A. M.; and Constantine Commandery, K. T., being chosen commander of the last named for the year 1935. He belongs also to the Ancient Order of Anubis.

CLARENCE DARRELL MURPHY

Clarence Darrell Murphy, attorney at law practicing at the Peoria bar and who was a candidate for the office of county judge on the democratic ticket in 1934, was born in Cuba, Fulton county, Illinois, October 28, 1884, a son of James W. and Anna (Deiken) Murphy. The father, also a native of Cuba, this state, was a son of Abraham and Sarah (Henderson) Murphy. The grandfather was likewise born in Cuba and was a son of William and Margaret Murphy. It was in the year 1831 that William Murphy removed from Lima, Ohio, to Fulton county, Illinois, settling on a tract of land about two miles west of Cuba, and there developed a farm which has remained in possession of the family to the present time, being now the property of James W. Murphy. The latter married Anna Deiken, daughter of Justice and Elizabeth (Stautler) Deiken, who were representative farming people of Fulton county, making their home near Cuba, and who had come to the middle west from Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. To James W. and Anna Murphy were born six children, as follows: Loren E., of Monmouth, Illinois, who is circuit judge of the ninth circuit; Clarence D., of this review; Alta, the wife of W. M. Nelemns; Ray, a farmer by occupation; Marie, a school teacher of Cuba, Illinois; and Mrs. Ruth Hawkins, who teaches school at Harrisburg, this state, and is the wife of Everett Hawkins, a contractor of Harrisburg, Illinois.

The educational opportunities enjoyed by Clarence D. Murphy were those afforded by the graded and high schools of Cuba and the University of Michigan, which he entered as a law student in 1905. He was graduated with the class of 1908 and in the same year was admitted to the bar and began practice with George Jochem of Peoria. Close application, thorough preparation and devotion to the interests of his clients brought him a constantly growing practice and in 1912 he was appointed assistant state's attorney, which position he occupied until 1920. In that year he resumed the private practice of law but was again called to become a nominee for office when in 1934 the democratic party placed his name on its ticket for the position of county judge. He had previously been the democratic nominee for state's attorney and had run far ahead of his ticket at the following election.

Mr. Murphy was married October 17, 1911, to Miss Isabelle Buck, who was born and reared in Peoria, a daughter of William J. and Harriett (Houghteling) Buck, her father a retired farmer of Peoria county. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy have one child, Ellen. Mr. Murphy is a Mason and has taken the higher degrees of the fraternity, having membership in Peoria Consistory and in Mohammed Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Peoria Bar Association and he enjoys the respect and confidence of his fellow practitioners by reason of his close conformity to the highest ethical standards of his calling.

BYRON A. WARNES

Byron A. Warnes, who throughout his entire life has been active in the financial field, is now receiver for two banking institutions at Lincoln. He was born in Longview, Champaign county, Illinois, November 15, 1904, his parents being George and Mabel (Anderson) Warnes, also natives of this state. The father is a farmer by occupation.

Byron A. Warnes attended the district schools of Douglas county and the high school at Longview, after which he entered the University of Illinois, where he pursued a course in accountancy. For a year thereafter he occupied a clerical position in the Champaign National Bank and then entered the First National Bank of Tuscola, where he remained for two years as a clerk, after which he was made assistant cashier and occupied the position until October, 1933. He was then appointed receiver of the Newman National Bank at Newman, Illinois, where he continued until May, 1934, when he was appointed receiver of the Lincoln National Bank. In August of the same year he was also appointed receiver for the American National Bank of Lincoln and is now



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acting in both capacities. His long experience in practical banking well qualifies him for the duties that now devolve upon him and he is making an excellent record in office, giving satisfaction to the bank officials and the general public. He was also secretary and treasurer of the Douglas County Bankers Association.

In 1926 Mr. Warnes was united in marriage to Lottie M. Branan, of Tuscola, Illinois, and they are the parents of a son, Byron E. Mrs. Warnes is a member of the Tuscola Women's Club, has served as democratic precinct committeeman and has been very active in the democratic women's organization. Mr. and Mrs. Warnes hold membership in the Methodist Church and are interested in all that pertains to the political, intellectual, social and moral well-being of the community. While in Tuscola, Mr. Warnes served from 1931 until 1933 as city treasurer and he was also an active and helpful member of the Chamber of Commerce there and was treasurer of the Douglas County Tuberculosis Association. He belongs to the Lincoln Kiwanis Club and cooperates in all of its plans and projects for the public good. From 1928 until 1933 he was very active in the democratic party in Douglas county and since attaining his majority he has never failed to give his support to the party at the polls.

RAY E. REISCHL

One of the outstanding younger democrats of Illinois is Ray E. Reischl, whose home is in East St. Louis, but who is now assistant superintendent of the Supervision of Paroles department of the state government in Springfield. He is a native of East St. Louis, born November 10, 1902, and is a son of Robert and Mame (Broderick) Reischl, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in East St. Louis.

Ray E. Reischl received his education in the public schools of his home city and in St. Louis University, after which he was associated with his father in a business, conducted under the name of the State Produce Company of East St. Louis. Later he established the Premier Cleaning and Dyeing Company, which he conducting that business with much success until March 27, 1933, when he was appointed to his present position in the Supervision of Paroles department of the state. Mr. Reischl has been a leader in democratic politics of St. Clair county, and is at this writing secretary of the county committee. He is serving his third term as committeeman of the forty-sixth precinct. Mr. Reischl well typifies the progressive, energetic spirit of the younger generation of democrats in Illinois, and is thoroughly interested in promoting the welfare of his party in every possible way.

Mr. Reischl was married on the 10th of November, 1932 to Miss Margarette Kehol. His fraternal connection is with the Knights of Columbus.

S. JAY THOMAS

S. Jay Thomas, one of the well known representatives of democracy in Ogle county, is serving as investigator of the retailers' occupational tax. He was born September 27, 1893, on the farm where he now lives three miles west of Oregon, being a son of Robert Lee and Mary (McGuffin) Thomas. The father was also born on the old family homestead which his son Jay now occupies, his natal day being August 3, 1865. He remained a well known agriculturist of the county until his death, which occurred November 8, 1927. His widow, who was born in Rockvale township, Ogle county, Illinois, yet occupies the old home farm. Mr. Thomas was a democrat, active in local party work, but was never ambitious to hold office.

S. Jay Thomas attended the public schools of Rockvale township and later was graduated from the high school of Oregon as a member of the class of 1913. He subsequently attended the University of Illinois for a year and was then on the farm with his father until the latter passed away. Since that

time he has managed the farm with his mother and displays sound business judgment in carrying on the work. He has carefully cultivated his fields and is most progressive in all that he undertakes.

Mr. Thomas has served as a clerk of the election board of Rockvale township since 1915 and in 1932 was elected precinct committeeman, to which office he was reelected in 1934. Since 1932 he has been secretary and treasurer of the Ogle county central committee. In 1924 he was the democratic nominee for the office of circuit clerk of Ogle county, and the vote he received stood as a record for a democratic candidate until 1932. On the 5th of September, 1933, he was appointed investigator of the retailers' occupational tax, his territory including Ogle and De Kalb counties. He attended the state democratic convention in Chicago in 1924 and since attaining his majority has been an active and loyal party supporter. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to both blue lodge and chapter, and he is now master of the local Grange. His interest in community affairs is manifest in many tangible ways and his aid and influence are always given on the side of progress and development.

JAMES FREMONT BATES

Among the capable and faithful men who constitute the highway police force of Illinois is numbered James Fremont Bates, of Kewanee. He was born in this city in 1907, a son of Fremont and Clara (Bing) Bates, who are still residents of Kewanee. The father has devoted his attention to farming and to the coal business throughout his active life, and he is a well known supporter of the democratic party in his community. On that ticket he has been elected to the office of township supervisor and he has also served on democratic committees whereby he has largely furthered the interests and promoted the successes of democracy.

Mastering the work of consecutive grades in the public schools, James F. Bates eventually became a high school graduate in Kewanee and then entered the University of Illinois, where he won the Bachelor of Science degree at his graduation with the class of 1929. For a year thereafter he was a teacher and coach in Mansfield, Ohio, and for two years was connected with the Catholic high school of Kewanee in the same capacity. His coaching has been largely along the lines of basketball and football. For three years he was a director of the Kewanee City League, which was the first non-commercial night playing baseball league in America. On the 24th of March, 1933, he was appointed a member of the highway maintenance police force and is now serving in that capacity. He is also vice chairman of the Young Democratic Club of Henry county.

In September, 1932, Mr. Bates was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Nelson, of Kewanee, and they are the parents of one child, Beverly. Mr. Bates belongs to the Theta Nu Epsilon, a college fraternity, and in fraternal circles has connection with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is likewise a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and his life has been guided and directed by honorable principles and worthy motives, so that the sterling worth of his character is recognized by all with whom he has been associated.

ARTHUR R. ROY

Arthur R. Roy, who is now serving for the fourth term as assistant states attorney for Adams county, has been an active representative of the legal profession in Quincy throughout a period of forty years. He was born in Clayton, Adams county, Illinois, December 1, 1871, his parents being John S. and Agnes (Leggett) Roy, the former born in Scotland, January 1, 1825, and the latter in Ireland, July 13, 1832. John S. Roy, a farmer by occupation, crossed the Atlantic to the United States about 1843, resided in New Jersey for a number of years and was married in New York city in 1849. In 1853 he removed with his wife to Clayton, Illinois, where he lived until 1893.

Arthur R. Roy acquired his early education in the public schools of Adams county, Illinois, and subsequently attended the Central Normal College at Danville, Indiana. Thereafter he taught in the rural schools of his native county for four years, on the expiration of which period he entered upon preparation for the legal profession as a student at the Chaddock School of Law in Quincy, Illinois. Admitted to the bar in 1894, he has maintained a law office in Quincy throughout the intervening period of four decades and has been accorded an enviable and remunerative clientele. He is a director of the Clayton State Bank of Clayton, Illinois, which he also represents as attorney. During the four-year period between 1897 and 1901 he filled the office of city attorney of Quincy. He served as assistant states attorney from 1908 until 1912 and for four years thereafter was connected with the office of Attorney General P. J. Luey in Springfield. In 1917 he again assumed the duties of assistant states attorney, thus serving until 1920, and he has filled the same office continuously since 1928. He has been a delegate to seven or eight state conventions of the democratic party and was also a delegate from his district to the democratic national convention at Baltimore in 1912, when Woodrow Wilson received the presidential nomination. From 1918 until 1924 he served as chairman of the Adams county democratic central committee.

On the 2d of October, 1904, Mr. Roy married Mrs. Mary J. Barry, mother of Daniel H. Barry, who is mentioned on another page of this work. Mr. Roy is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church and fraternally is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while along strictly professional lines he is a member of the Adams County and Illinois State Bar Associations.

MISS AILEEN McGRATH

Miss Aileen McGrath, daughter of John T. McGrath, whose life story precedes this article, has followed in her father's footsteps in several particulars. She is a graduate of the Polo high school and also of St. Clara College at Sinsinawa, Wisconsin. Since her father's death she has had the active management of the business which he established and carried on so successfully for many years. Her official title is that of secretary and treasurer of the McGrath-Hersch Lumber Company of Polo and in control of its interests she displays sound judgment and excellent business ability. During the war Miss McGrath was connected with the national war risk insurance department in Washington under civil service.

Miss McGrath has always adhered to the political faith of the democratic party and was appointed district committeewoman of the thirteenth congressional district in 1932. In the same year she attended the national convention of the party in Chicago as a visitor and she has also attended the last two democratic state conventions in Springfield, being a delegate in 1934. She was appointed by Governor Horner a member of the Illinois hostess committee to serve at the Illinois building of the World's Fair. She is very widely known in Polo, where she occupies an enviable position in social as well as in political and business circles.

CHARLES H. RAMSEY

Charles H. Ramsey, road foreman residing at Greenview, was born October 25, 1880, in Mason City, Illinois, a son of Bloomfield and Laura (Suttley) Ramsey, of Mason county. At one time they left Illinois to become residents of Iowa but afterward returned to Mason county. The father was manager of a grain elevator during the greater part of his life and in politics he was a democrat of the old school. He died in 1905, while his widow still survives.

The schools of Mason City and of Greenview accorded Charles H. Ramsey the educational opportunities whereby he prepared for the practical duties of

life. At different periods he has engaged in teaming, in conducting a restaurant, in running a pool hall and in other lines of business. After a time he became associated with the Bates & Rogers Construction Company, hard-road builders of Chicago, and was advanced to the position of foreman in charge of concrete mixing. Among the roads which he has aided in constructing is the one through Greenview. Later he worked as a bridge builder and then for eight years followed trucking, making his home during this period in Greenview. In January, 1933, he became maintenance foreman for the state of Illinois, having charge of roads, bridges and similar work. His previous experience well qualifies him for the position, as he is thoroughly familiar with every phase of both road and bridge construction.

In 1902 Mr. Ramsey married Miss Elsie Gaddie, of Greenview, and they have a son, Earl, who is a barber of Greenview. Mr. Ramsey belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. He has always been an active democrat and he has served as judge of elections, as a member of the town board and in other local offices, to the duties and responsibilities of which he has always been loyal.

W. LESTER HOLLISTER, D. V. S.

Dr. W. Lester Hollister, a veterinary surgeon practicing at Avon, was born March 7, 1879, in the town where he still resides, his parents being Lawrence and Mary (Anderson) Hollister, both of whom have passed away. The mother's death occurred in 1883, but the father survived until 1920. Lawrence Hollister was a farmer by occupation, and in early manhood he gave his political support to the republican party but later in life became a democrat.

W. Lester Hollister was educated in Avon public schools and was graduated from high school with the class of 1898. Later he spent two or three years in Oklahoma, after which he returned to the place of his nativity, where he engaged in the grocery business in partnership with A. W. Ray. It was after this that he entered the Chicago Veterinary College, from which he was graduated in 1910. For two years he practiced in Aurora, Illinois, as assistant to Dr. Weese and then returned to Avon, where he has since remained. His knowledge of the veterinary science and the thoroughness of his work has brought to him an extensive practice.

In 1914 Dr. Hollister was married to Miss Lucretia Merrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Merrill of Avon. He is a member of the Federated Church at Avon and he has taken the various degrees of Masonry, belonging to Harmony Lodge No. 253, A. F. & A. M., of Avon; Peoria Consistory, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rites and now belongs also to Mohammed Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Peoria. During the second Wilson campaign the Doctor became an active democrat and took helpful part in organizing a democratic club which made his office its headquarters. He is now a county committeeman, being elected in 1934. Since his incumbency as committeeman, by effective organization he has cut down the tremendous republican majority. For two terms he filled the office of township assessor. Dr. Hollister served two terms as president of the Avon village board and was defeated for his third term by advocating city water works.

He enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war at Abingdon, Illinois, and went to Porto Rico with Company D, Sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under General Miles. He again offered his services to his country in the World war and served as a second lieutenant in the Veterinary Corps. He is a member Ed Chatterton Post, No. 578, American Legion, at Avon, and the Spanish War Veterans. At the present writing he is inspector in charge of the Peoria Union Stock Yards. His knowledge and his experience as a veterinarian well qualify him for this position, as he is able to readily recognize the real condition of the animals in the yards—conditions that would not be noticeable to the ordinary observer.



W. LESTER HOLLISTER

H. C. TAYLOR

The efficiency and thoroughness of the Cook county highway department may well be ascribed to the ability and training embodied in its personnel, a member of which is H. C. Taylor, who is in charge of bridges, a most important division of this department. Mr. Taylor has had long experience in the construction of bridges and his association with the highway department, as may be noted later, covers a long span of years, during which period his work has been consistently satisfactory to all concerned.

Mr. Taylor was born in Montfort, Grant county, Wisconsin, June 25, 1886, and is a son of S. Harvey and Mary E. (Lincoln) Taylor. The Taylor family is of English descent, and S. Harvey Taylor is an attorney by profession. Both of the parents now reside in Wisconsin.

H. C. Taylor attended the grade and high schools of Lancaster, Wisconsin, and then took up his scientific studies at the University of Wisconsin, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering in 1911. In 1912 he received the degree of Civil Engineer from the same institution. This was the realization of a desire to be an engineer which had been created in his mind when he was a high school student and he bent every effort to acquire the necessary training. This accomplished, he accepted employment in Chicago with a firm of Consulting Engineers as a designing engineer, in building engineering, and remained with them for two and a half years from 1913. Following this, for two months, he was paving inspector for the city of Chicago, then became inspector engineer with the highway department for two months, and after that engineering draftsman for the bridge division of the city of Chicago then returned to the highway department of Cook county and was successively appointed assistant civil engineer and as bridge engineer, his service with the Cook county highway department now having covered more than a twelve-year period. A survey of the beautiful and modern bridge structures in Cook county will indicate the creations he has achieved out of steel and concrete, for they rival similar structures in any part of the world. He has kept abreast of the times in his study of bridge construction and has embodied every modern feature of practical character in his construction work.

Mr. Taylor is an adherent of the democratic party and has always lent his influence wherever possible for the success of the party ticket. Mr. Taylor is unmarried. Golfing and fishing are fields of diversion which he seeks whenever opportunity offers. He is devoted to his engineering work and this enthusiasm and inspiration have been big factors in his success.

RUDOLPH W. KROPP

Rudolph W. Kropp, an active democrat since old enough to vote, served as precinct committeeman at Coal Valley when there were less than twelve votes in the precinct, while today it is one of the strongest rural precincts in Rock Island county giving support to the democratic party. In November, 1934, he was elected county sheriff. Mr. Kropp was born in Coal Valley, Illinois, December 6, 1894, a son of Gustav T. and Minnie (Wehling) Kropp. The father, who has now departed this life, was a coal miner during the winter months and in the summer seasons worked as a carpenter and mason. Keenly interested in politics, he was always an active democrat, and he served for a number of years as road commissioner. He belonged to the United Mine Workers of America. His widow survives and is yet living in Coal Valley. The family are members of the Evangelical Church.

When in his second year in high school Rudolph W. Kropp put aside his textbooks in order to provide for his own support, yet he did additional educational work through a correspondence course. In young manhood he became a coal miner and followed that work for about twelve years. From the 29th of March, 1918, until March 10, 1919, he served in the World war. He was originally

in the Coast Artillery but overseas was transferred to the Fifty-fourth Ammunition Train, with which he did active duty at the front. He was discharged as corporal and is now a member of Moline Post, No. 246, of the American Legion in which he is very active.

After his return from the battlefields of Europe, Mr. Kropp worked in the factories of Moline and East Moline for a time. For four years he served as deputy sheriff of Rock Island county under Howard Gregg and for two years was employed in the state treasurer's office under Edward J. Barrett. He was made inspector for the Illinois department of conservation and in 1934 became the democratic nominee for the office of county sheriff of Rock Island county, to which position he was elected in November, by a majority of forty-eight hundred. He is the third democratic candidate for sheriff to be elected from his native town of Coal Valley in the last sixteen years. He has been an earnest worker in democratic ranks since old enough to vote and he served as precinct committeeman for twelve years, filling the office first when there were not twelve votes in the precinct. His labors have contributed to the growth and development of the party and he has lived to see his precinct become one of the strongest in Rock Island county outside of the cities.

For ten years Mr. Kropp was an officer of the United Mine Workers of America. He has always been fond of outdoor life and athletics and is a member of the Western Illinois Sportsmen's Association. He played on one of the fastest semi-professional baseball teams in the country, taking part in the final tournament championship game. He has also manifested a keen interest in basketball and other athletic sports. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Eagles at Moline, the Moline Turners, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and these different organizations regard him as one of their sterling representative members.

EDWARD A. ROGALA

Edward A. Rogala, living at 36 Fourteenth street, North Chicago, is a member of the state police, to which position he was appointed February 18, 1933. He was born October 2, 1909, in the city where he yet makes his home, his parents being Albert and Anna Rogala, both of whom have now passed away. The family were faithful adherents of the Catholic Church and two of the daughters joined a Catholic order as nuns. A brother of Edward A. Rogala is Alexander Rogala, who is now serving as a clerk in the post office of North Chicago.

In the schools of his native city Edward A. Rogala pursued his education and when he had completed his studies he became a clerk in a grocery store, being thus employed until he was made a member of the state police force on the 18th of February, 1933. He has always voted the democratic ticket since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he has been an earnest party worker, rendering valuable assistance to the committeeman. He is a member of the Polish Roosevelt Democratic Club of North Chicago and of the Young Men's Democratic Club.

On the 14th of October, 1933, Mr. Rogala was united in marriage to Miss Stella Krupa. He belongs to the Polish National Alliance and is a communicant of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, being a member of a very active Catholic family.

FRANK J. GOLLINGS

Frank J. Gollings, who has been actively engaged in the practice of law in Decatur since 1931, is making steady professional progress as he demonstrates his ability to handle intricate and involved legal problems before the courts. Decatur numbers him among her native sons, his birth having here occurred August 24, 1907, his parents being Walter E. and Marie A. (Moorey) Gollings.

His father was born in Peterborough, England, and came to the United States in 1900, at which time he settled in Macon county, Illinois, having since made his home in Decatur. For many years he was national chairman of the railroad clerks, being very prominent in railway circles. He is now superintendent of the Wabash Railroad hospitals. He married Marie A. Mooney, a native of Niantic, Macon county, Illinois, and a daughter of Peter Mooney, who was born in Ireland and on coming to the new world established his home in Niantic, where he married Catherine Nelligan, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Peter Mooney followed farming throughout his entire life and was a very staunch democrat, giving active support to the party.

Frank J. Gollings pursued his early education in the parochial schools of Decatur and later attended the high school of this city, while in preparation for a professional career he entered the University of Illinois which institution conferred upon him the Bachelor of Science degree in 1929 and that of Bachelor of Laws in 1931. On the 13th of October, 1931, he was admitted to the Illinois bar and opened an office in Decatur, where he has since continued in practice, his clientele constantly increasing as the years go by.

Mr. Gollings has been very active in democratic politics since attaining his majority and in 1932 he became one of the organizers of the Macon County Jefferson Club, in which he still holds membership. In the same year he was a delegate to the state, congressional and judicial conventions and he stumped Macon and neighboring counties in support of the entire ticket, delivering many campaign addresses that held the attention of his auditors and won strength for the party. In 1932 he was appointed assistant state's attorney of Macon county and is now occupying the office, and on the 1st of June, 1934, he was appointed by the United States district court for the southern district of Illinois as federal conciliation commissioner for Macon county, Illinois. He is also code attorney for the local Automobile Dealers Association.

Mr. Gollings is identified with many fraternities and societies. He belongs to the Phi Kappa, a social organization, and to the Phi Delta Phi, a legal fraternity. He is now secretary-treasurer of the Decatur and Macon county Illinois Club and he belongs to the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Decatur, while along strictly professional lines he is connected with the Macon County, the Illinois State and American Bar Associations. His social nature finds expression in his membership in the Decatur County Club and he is a well known and popular resident of his native city, where his activities are bringing him constantly before the public.

JOHN T. McGRATH

John T. McGrath, who departed this life January 11, 1930, was for many years a leading business man and representative citizen of Polo. He spent his entire life in Ogle county, his birth having occurred in Woosung, July 21, 1857, his parents being Philip J. and Catherine (Reily) McGrath. At the usual age he entered the public schools of his native town and mastered the work of successive grades. He afterward took up the profession of teaching, which he followed in the rural schools near Dixon for a few years in his early manhood. In 1882 he turned his attention to commercial pursuits, establishing a mercantile business in Woosung. A few years later he removed to Polo, where he opened a retail lumber and coal yard, conducting this business until his death. He built up a substantial trade and was a thoroughly reliable as well as progressive dealer.

On the 11th of November, 1890, Mr. McGrath was united in marriage to Ansiebel Curran, of Dixon, Illinois, and they became the parents of three daughters, Catherine, Aileen M. and Annabel John. The first named is the wife of Dr. Charles S. Phalen, of Sparta, Wisconsin, and has two children, John McGrath and Charles S., Jr.

Mr. McGrath was a leading and helpful member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Polo. In politics he was active as a democratic supporter, working earnestly and effectively for the party in Ogle county throughout his life. For many years he was precinct committeeman and he exerted a wide influence in party affairs. He frequently attended the democratic state conventions as a delegate and he was a visitor to several of the national conventions of his party. An ardent admirer and follower of William Jennings Bryan, he stood for the highest ideals of the party. During the World war he served as a member of the County Council of Defense and also as a member of the fuel conservation committee. In February, 1901, he was elected president of the Illinois Lumber Dealers Association and filled the office for one term.

EDWIN W. DAILY

Edwin W. Daily, who has been actively interested in democratic politics for a number of years and who is now the newly elected treasurer of Fulton county, was born near Canton, Fulton county, Illinois, October 2, 1908, his parents being J. P. and Mary (Thompson) Daily. The mother has passed away, but the father still resides near Canton. He has been a coal mine operator and a merchant but is now living retired, enjoying a well earned rest. In politics he has always been an active democrat.

Edwin W. Daily began his education in the schools of Canton, there pursuing his studies until he reached the seventh grade, when he was sent to St. Bede College at Peru, Illinois, from which institution he was graduated in due time. He then became associated with his father in mining operations and later he was with the International Harvester Company at Canton. In this community he is well known and enjoys the friendship of the majority of those with whom he has come in contact. He and his family are members of the Catholic Church. Since attaining his majority he has consistently voted with the democratic party and has sought to further its successes in all legitimate ways. He has served as precinct committeeman and also on the Canton executive committee, and the recognition of his fidelity to the party has come to him in the support which he received at the primaries in the spring of 1934, when he was made the candidate for the office of county treasurer, to which position he was elected November 6, 1934, by a majority of two thousand in this normally republican county.

JOHN EDWARD JOHNSON

John Edward Johnson, proprietor of a tavern and cafe at De Kalb known as Johnson's Inn, was born in the province of Skane, Sweden, May 30, 1873, a son of Goran and Johanna Johnson. He pursued his education in the graded schools of his native country and was a youth of fifteen years when in 1888 he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States, the family home being established in De Kalb county, Illinois. Since 1897 he has been proprietor of a tavern and cafe in De Kalb and is accorded a liberal patronage.

On the 16th of August, 1901, in Chicago, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Anna Holm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Holm, natives of Sweden. Mrs. Johnson is one of the active members of the Scandinavian Democratic Club of De Kalb county. Mr. Johnson has always been an enthusiastic supporter of the democratic party and was a candidate for sheriff of De Kalb county in 1930. He is now committeeman of Precinct No. 2 of De Kalb, having served since 1931, and he is judge of election in Ward 2. He has served on the board of supervisors, belongs to the Young Peoples Democratic Club of De Kalb and attends all of the county conventions, while in 1932 he attended the national convention in Chicago. The party finds him an active and energetic worker and one whose efforts are an effective force in winning party successes. Mr. Johnson belongs to the Lutheran Church and is well



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known in fraternal circles, being a charter member of Aerie No. 1316 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in De Kalb. He is likewise affiliated with Lodge No. 586 of the Loyal Order of Moose in De Kalb and with the Vikings.

THOMAS H. FOSTER

Thomas H. Foster, a wide-awake and progressive young man of Richmond, McHenry county, was appointed highway maintenance patrolman February 15, 1933, and has since served. He was born December 31, 1910, in the village where he still lives, and is a representative of one of the old families of northeastern Illinois. His grandparents in the paternal line were Thomas H. and Sarah (Sparrow) Foster. The former was born in Worcestershire, England, and when a youth of seventeen years crossed the broad Atlantic to the new world. Making his way into the interior of the country, he settled at Elgin, Illinois, where he became an active and prominent business man, owning and operating a flour mill in that city for about twenty-three years. He was always a stalwart supporter of democratic principles and under Governor Altgeld was appointed head weighmaster of the Chicago Board of Trade, acting in that capacity from the time of his appointment until his death. He also served for several terms as alderman and did much to further the municipal welfare of his city. He attended various democratic state and national conventions and was an outstanding party leader in his county, exerting a widely felt influence over public thought and action. His son, Dr. W. E. Foster, was born in Elgin, Kane county, and in young manhood prepared for the medical profession. Opening an office in Richmond, he here engaged in active practice for twenty-nine years and was regarded as one of the leading physicians of McHenry county. He followed in the political footsteps of his father and was always a staunch democrat, giving active aid to the party and its candidates. He died June 1, 1931, and is still survived by his widow, who bore the maiden name of Clara E. Marekhoff and who yet makes her home in Richmond.

Their son, Thomas H. Foster, had the benefit of educational training in the public schools of his native village and afterward attended the Elgin Academy at Elgin, Illinois, from which he was graduated on the completion of his course. He next studied in the Dunwoody Institute at Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was graduated with the class of 1929. After completing his college work he conducted a gas station at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, for two years and on the 15th of February, 1933, he was appointed highway maintenance patrolman, in which connection he has made an excellent record. He is a young man of only twenty-four years but has already established himself as one of the representative citizens of Richmond, where he makes his home with his mother. Since attaining his majority he has been active in politics, giving staunch allegiance to the democratic party.

U. S. LEWIS, M. D.

Dr. U. S. Lewis, a successful practicing physician of East Dubuque, is now serving as district health superintendent and is also the chairman of the Jo Daviess county democratic organization. A native of Wisconsin, he was born at Patch Grove, Grant county, August 26, 1866, his parents being William and Catherine (Ryan) Lewis. The father was born at Delhi, Delaware county, New York, in 1831 and the mother's birth occurred in Albany, New York, in 1835. She was still an infant when taken by her parents to Wisconsin, the family home being established in Cassville. On removing westward to the Badger state William Lewis settled in Grant county, taking up his abode there prior to the Civil war. He was one of a family of eight brothers and one sister. He followed the occupation of farming as a life work and in the early part of his life was a republican but never voted that ticket after Rutherford B. Hayes was its presidential candidate.

U. S. Lewis attended the public schools of Grant county, Wisconsin, and

was graduated from the high school of Cassville. He determined to make the practice of medicine his life work and with that end in view matriculated in Rush Medical College of Chicago, where he completed the full course as a member of the class of 1896. He then opened an office in Cassville but the following year removed to East Dubuque, where he has remained in active practice continuously since, covering a period of thirty-seven years. He has always kept in touch with the progress made by medical science and he has long been accorded a large and important practice.

On the 1st of August, 1894, Dr. Lewis married Celia Kuchenberg, who passed away May 23, 1914, leaving four children: Gertrude C., the wife of E. F. Olsen, of Adrian, Michigan; Lela, who is the wife of M. H. Cooper, of Ottawa, Illinois; U. S., Jr., a resident of East Dubuque, this state; and William W., also living in East Dubuque. On the 25th of December, 1914, Dr. Lewis was again married, his second union being with Della C. Thill, who departed this life February 11, 1933.

Dr. Lewis has been very active in democratic affairs since old enough to vote, his first presidential ballot being cast for Grover Cleveland. A recognition of his public spirit and devotion to the general good led to his election as mayor of East Dubuque and for about ten years he continued to fill that office, his administration receiving strong endorsement because of what he accomplished for the city. He has been precinct committeeman for the past twelve years or more and in 1932 was elected chairman of the county democratic central committee, in which position he is now serving, having been reelected precinct committeeman and as chairman in 1934. Doctor was a candidate for the legislature in 1932 but was unsuccessful in the primary. He has attended several of the state conventions, was a delegate to the democratic national convention in San Francisco in 1920 and a visitor to the National Convention in Chicago in 1932. In August, 1933, he was appointed district health superintendent, his district including Whiteside, Carroll and Jo Daviess counties. He is well qualified for the position by reason of his long and valuable experience as a physician and surgeon and he is rendering an excellent account of himself in the discharge of the duties that devolve upon him in this relation.

RAYMOND J. MURPHY

Raymond J. Murphy, an active young democrat who is now serving as secretary to the commissioner of public works of Peoria and who exerts a widely felt influence among the younger generation in connection with political interests, was born November 30, 1900, in the city which is still his home, his parents being Joseph and Augusta (Mausser) Murphy. The father, also a native of Peoria, was a son of John and Catherine Murphy, the former a native of Ireland, whence he came to the new world, casting in his lot among the pioneer residents of this city. He was an engineer by occupation. His wife was a daughter of Chris and Catherine (Kessler) Mausser, who were of German descent, and the Kessler family were also among the first residents of Peoria. Joseph Murphy became a well known printer and served on the staff of the Peoria Journal for many years. Thus along both paternal and maternal lines Raymond J. Murphy is a representative of old and well known families of central Illinois.

He was the only child born to his parents and in his youthful days he attended the Spalding Institute of Peoria and the Armour Institute of Technology in Chicago, where he pursued a course in engineering. Subsequently he became associated with the firm of Jobst & Sons, a construction company of Peoria, and at one time he was located in New York city, being connected with the business office of the New York Journal. In 1933 he was appointed secretary to the commissioner of public works of Peoria and is now filling this position, the duties of which he is discharging with promptness and capa-

bility. He has been active in democratic politics as a committeeman and is one of the stalwart supporters of the party here.

Mr. Murphy was united in marriage to Miss Hazel Marie Smilie, who was born in Benson, Illinois, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hersehel Smilie. They have a wide acquaintance in Peoria and enjoy the warm friendship of many with whom they have been brought in contact.

LESLIE EARL SEARS

Leslie Earl Sears, well known in business circles as secretary of the Warrensburg Canning Company of Warrensburg, Macon county, was born at Three Rivers, Michigan, July 2, 1888. His parents are Louis Alonzo and Luis E. Taber Sears, the former a native of Lawrence, Kansas, and the latter of Ohio. They became residents of Illinois in 1930. Louis A. Sears, the father of our subject, engaged in farming until twenty-one years of age and then went to Ohio, where he worked for his uncle in a canning factory at Circleville. A year later he removed to Three Rivers, Michigan, where he built a canning plant which he operated until 1893. In that year he removed to Chillicothe, Ohio, where he became associated with a canning business, conducting it until 1914. Then again he went to Michigan, settling in Grand Rapids, where he carried on a canning business, and while there bought the present plant at Warrensburg, Illinois. This was in 1915 and he has since engaged in canning sweet corn under the name of the Warrensburg Canning Company, of which he is president. He is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the canning business and has carefully and successfully conducted his affairs. In politics he is a staunch democrat and in Ohio, in 1908, was a candidate for congress. He has always supported the entire ticket and has labored effectively for party success.

Leslie Earl Sears was educated in the public schools of Chillicothe, Ohio, there attending high school, and later spent two years as a student in the Ohio State University. Starting out in the business world, he was associated with his father for two years and then went to California in 1910, there engaging in the canning business until 1922. In that year he arrived in Warrensburg, Illinois, to become secretary of the Warrensburg Canning Company and since that time has been active in the management and control of the business.

Like his father, he has also been an earnest democrat and in 1934 was elected committeeman for a two years' term. He attends the various local meetings of the party and is unfaltering in his allegiance to the principles which underlie the democratic organization.

WALTER SLOOP

Walter Sloop, an outstanding figure in connection with educational interests in this state, was appointed an instructor in the Illinois School for the Blind at Jacksonville in August, 1933. He was born in Ohio, October 2, 1896, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Higgins) Sloop, who arrived in Illinois in 1900, settling on a farm in Clark county. The father continued the cultivation and further development of his fields up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1910. He always voted the straight democratic ticket and was staunch in his support of the principles of the party.

The Clark county public schools accorded Walter Sloop his early educational opportunities, for he was but four years of age when the family home was established here. In early manhood he studied music and later he taught music until August, 1933, at which time he was appointed instructor in the Illinois School for the Blind at Jacksonville. His work in this field has been highly satisfactory and has proven a blessing to the unfortunate inmates of the institution.

On the 10th of April, 1929, Mr. Sloop was united in marriage to Miss Stella Burns, a native of Ohio, who followed the profession of teaching prior to her

marriage and who is also an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party. Mr. Sloop's activity in democratic circles began when he reached the age of twenty-one. He worked with the committeemen of his precinct, largely assisted in getting out the vote and has attended all of the local and congressional conventions. He is a member of the Jeffersonian Club and he takes keen interest in the growth of the party, for he believes firmly in the principles of democracy and he recognizes the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship.

MRS. BLANCHE B. HOOD

Mrs. Blanche B. Hood, acceptably filling the position of postmaster at Mound City, has spent practically her entire life here and is well known throughout Pulaski county. Her father, Thomas Boyd, was born in Perry county, Illinois, in 1847 and is still living at the advanced age of eighty-seven years and goes to his office every day. He became an attorney and has practiced his profession successfully for an extended period. At one time he was president of the National Bank of Mound City. In politics he has always been a democrat and has served as mayor of Mound City but is no longer active politically. He married Sally Hughes, who was born near New Caledonia, Pulaski county, a daughter of a pioneer settler who once owned most of the county and still has large land holdings. The Hughes family, like the Boyd family, has always given its allegiance to the democratic party.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools Blanche Boyd attended Monticello Seminary at Godfrey, Illinois, and later entered the Ward-Belmont Seminary at Nashville, Tennessee, but was called back home during her senior year on account of a serious accident which her mother had sustained. In her last year at school—1908—Miss Boyd went abroad with a school group and visited many of the points of interest in Europe, gaining that broad and liberal culture which only travel can bring. In 1909 she became the wife of Fred B. Hood, a well known and prominent attorney, who voted with the republican party and on that ticket was elected to several offices. He was at various times county judge of Pulaski county, serving altogether on the bench for eleven years, was also master in chancery and at one time filled the position of state's attorney. He died in 1928, leaving his wife and three children: Frederick B., now living in Mound City; Mertice, attending high school; and Margaret, who is an eighth grade pupil.

Mrs. Hood is well known in the social and club circles of Mound City, where she is now filling the office of president of the Woman's Club. She is likewise past president of the twenty-fifth district of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs, is a past matron of the Eastern Star and past high priestess of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, also an auxiliary of the Masonic fraternity. She is a member of the Congregational Church and a past president of its Ladies Aid Society. Her interest in politics has been evidenced in a practical and helpful way and she is now chairman of the Women's Jeffersonian Club. On the 1st of February, 1934, she was appointed postmaster at Mound City, so that her incumbency in the office will continue until 1938.

HARVEY F. DOERGE

Harvey F. Doerge, postmaster of Chester, was born at Sainte Genevieve, Missouri, December 14, 1899. His parents were Rudolph and Bertha (Mischke) Doerge, the latter a native of Ashley, Washington county, Illinois, and a daughter of William Mischke, who was a farmer by occupation and a staunch democrat in politics. Rudolph Doerge was born at sea while his parents were voyaging from Germany to the United States in 1867. He engaged in painting and interior decorating throughout his active career and much of his work is still extant in southern Illinois. Politically he was a stalwart supporter of the democratic party. He met an accidental death in 1918, falling from a bridge scaffold.



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Harvey F. Doerge pursued his education as a grammar school pupil of Sainte Genevieve, Missonri, and also attended high school for a year. He then obtained the position of call boy with the Frisco Railroad, was next made tower man at Little Rock, near Sainte Genevieve, later worked as machinist's helper in the roundhouse and afterward became fireman. On completing a course with the International Correspondence Schools he passed the examination for locomotive engineer and was subsequently employed as fireman, switchman and engineer with the Frisco, Missouri Pacific and Missonri & Illinois railroads until 1925. In that year he came to Chester, Illinois, here embarking in the radio and electrical business in association with his father-in-law, W. R. Dial. He disposed of his interests in this connection in 1927 and identified himself with the Shell Petroleum Corporation, later becoming connected with the Phillips Petroleum Company, which he represented until assuming the duties of his present office. It was in 1933 that he was appointed postmaster of Chester, for which position he has proved himself splendidly qualified.

On the 14th of February, 1921, in Chester, Illinois, Mr. Doerge was united in marriage to Ruth V. Dial, a daughter of W. R. Dial. Mrs. Doerge, who was born in Randolph county, Illinois, taught in the rural schools prior to her marriage and is an active supporter of the democratic party, now serving on the women's auxiliary of the county committee. Mr. and Mrs. Doerge are the parents of two children, Ronald and Patricia Lee. Mr. Doerge belongs to the Chester Chamber of Commerce and is a highly esteemed and popular young citizen of his community. His favorite forms of recreation are hunting and fishing.

OSCAR H. NELSON

On the 15th of February, 1933, Oscar H. Nelson, living in Cary, was appointed to a position with the highway maintenance department and has served in that connection continuously since. He has always lived in McHenry county, his birth having occurred at Crystal Lake, Illinois, August 19, 1900, his parents being Hans and Edla (Bergstand) Nelson. While spending his youthful days under the parental roof he attended the public schools of Crystal Lake and of Ridgefield, and when his school days were over he obtained employment as a farm hand, working in that way and at various other jobs until 1922. During the succeeding seven years, until 1929, he was a brakeman on the Chicago & North Western Railway, and for almost two years he has been in the employ of the state as a representative of the highway maintenance department. He received his appointment as a supporter of the democratic party, with which he has voted since attaining his majority, and he has taken a very active part in the local campaigns since 1928.

GEORGE F. SEHRING

George F. Sehring, first assistant warden of the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, was born February 21, 1872, in the city where he still lives, his parents being Frederick and Louisa Sehring, both of whom were natives of Germany. Coming to the United States, they traveled across the country to Mokena, Illinois, and thence removed to Joliet. The father was employed in the county recorder's office and was a candidate for state senator as the opponent of A. O. Marshall. The election was contested and was thrown out by a minority report. Later Mr. Sehring served as alderman of Joliet. He was president of the Fred Sehring Brewing Company, which was in fact his main business activity. Both he and his wife have now passed away.

George F. Sehring, after completing his studies in the Joliet high school, pursued a commercial course in the Metropolitan Business College of Chicago. Returning home, he obtained a position in the Will County National Bank and was thus employed for twelve years. He also was identified with the Fred

Sehring Brewing Company for eighteen years and was regarded as an active and progressive business man of his community. He likewise gave considerable attention to public office and in 1905 entered upon a two years' term as city treasurer of Joliet. In 1923 he was chosen mayor and filled the office for eight years or until 1931 under the commission form of government. He was the democratic candidate for the office of state auditor in 1928 and was chairman of the democratic county central committee from 1924 until 1934, previous to which time he had served for many years as a member of the committee. His political activities have always been intelligently and effectively directed and he has exerted a widely felt influence in the party in Will county. At the present writing he is serving as the first assistant warden of the Illinois State Penitentiary.

In 1896 Mr. Sehring married Miss Louisa Kramer, of Joliet, and to them were born five children, as follows: Margaret, who is deceased; Gertrude, the wife of Joseph Lennon; Fred W., who is engaged in the candy business; George, a practicing physician of Joliet; and Louise, the wife of John Cassidy. The wife and mother passed away in 1925 and three years later, in 1928, Mr. Sehring was again married, his second union being with Miss Josephine Barrett, by whom he has a daughter, Sheila, now four years of age.

Faternally Mr. Sehring is identified with the Elks and the Eagles and he belongs to the Mutual Benefit Society, a German organization. Formerly he was connected with the Kiwanis Club, the Rotary Club and the Association of Commerce. He has always been interested in civic affairs and has worked persistently to further the public good along that line.

WALTER L. SHERLOCK

Illinois Democracy may well boast of a most enthusiastic supporter in the person of Walter L. Sherlock, of Savanna, Carroll county, who was the organizer and now the chairman of the Carroll County Democratic Voters League, and is known as one of the state's most astute and successful financiers, now being president of both the Sherlock Finance Corporation of Savanna and the Sterling Public Finance Corporation in Sterling, Illinois.

Walter L. Sherlock is a native of Steward, Lee county, Illinois, born November 27, 1895, a son of Henry K. and Jennie (Connor) Sherlock. His paternal grandfather was Richard Sherlock, who settled in the county near Steward about 1860 and was one of the early democrats of this section of the state. Henry K. Sherlock was born on a farm at Steward in 1874, and for many years was in the grain and livestock business in Steward. In democratic politics and civic affairs he was very prominent. He was a vice president and a director of the First National Bank in Steward, was president of the local school board and was city alderman for several terms. In the year 1926, he moved to Chicago, where he is now enjoying a well-earned life of retirement. His wife, Jennie (Connor) Sherlock, was born in Earlville, Illinois, October 3, 1871.

Walter L. Sherlock attended grade and high schools in Steward and graduated from the latter in 1913. He then took up his advanced studies at St. Bede College in Peru, Illinois, and graduated in 1915. After leaving school, he was cashier of the Esmond State Bank in Esmond, Illinois, but in June, 1918, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving in the finance department. He went overseas in September, 1918 and remained there for eleven months. He returned to the United States in August, 1919, and in the same month received his honorable discharge. He was commissioned second lieutenant and discharged with that rank.

After leaving the army Mr. Sherlock was in the employ of the Southwest Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago. In 1920, he went with the Forest City National Bank of Rockford as teller. In 1921 he came to Savanna as cashier of the First National Bank, and remained in that capacity until 1928. In that year he was one of the organizers of the Savanna Securities Company and in 1932 he

organized the Sherlock Finance Corporation, of which he has been president since. As previously noted, he is president of the Sterling Public Finance Corporation in Sterling, Illinois.

In democratic politics of Carroll county, Mr. Sherlock has for several years been a leading figure. In 1932 he organized the Carroll County Democratic Voters League, and since that date has been chairman of the organization. He also attended the democratic state convention in Springfield as a delegate in 1934, and in many ways has given material assistance to the party.

On July 14, 1926, Mr. Sherlock was married to Miss Laura M. Berner, daughter of Herman F. Berner of Savanna, and to them has been born a son, James Karon.

Mr. Sherlock belongs to the American Legion, of which he was finance officer many years, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a past president of the Lions Club of Savanna. He is still a second lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve and is a member of The Reserve Officers Association.

GEORGE E. RAY

George E. Ray, superintendent of the Illinois State Farm at Vandalia through appointment of Governor Horner in 1933 and previously well known as a merchant, was born in Marion county, Illinois, April 12, 1887. His father, Wiley Ray, was a native of Kentucky, born January 2, 1852, but during his boyhood his people removed to Tennessee and subsequently the family home was established in Jefferson county, Illinois, where Wiley Ray was reared to the occupation of farming. Later he married and has since carried on agricultural pursuits in Salem township, Marion county, where he is still located. He comes of a family whose staunch adherence to the democratic party has always been widely recognized and he has never failed to support the party ticket, yet he has never sought nor desired public office as a reward for party fealty. He married Ann Williams, who was born in Illinois in 1862, and they have become the parents of seven children, namely: Orvil and Lillian, both of whom are deceased; Haller, a farmer of Marion county, Illinois; George E.; Scott, who also follows farming in Marion county; Mary, the wife of Harry Shanafelt, a farmer of Salem township, Marion county, this state; and Margaret, the wife of Paul Bryant, of St. Louis, Missouri.

Spending his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, George E. Ray attended the public schools of his native county until he began devoting his entire time at an early age to the farm work, receiving a thorough and systematic training in the various tasks relative to crop production. Ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he rented a farm when nineteen years of age and operated it for three years. His success during that period enabled him then to purchase land and he carried on his own farm until 1913, when he became fireman on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad. He was afterward with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy until 1923, when he established a meat and grocery store in Centralia, Illinois, conducting the business until 1927. In that year he became a meat salesman, covering southern Illinois until 1930, when he established a wholesale meat business, to which he gave personal supervision until 1933, when he turned the management over to his two sons in order to accept the appointment of superintendent of the Illinois State Farm at Vandalia from Governor Henry Horner.

On the 18th of December, 1907, Mr. Ray was married to Miss Burma Mereer, a daughter of Frank and Julia Mereer, who were representatives of a pioneer democratic family of Marion county, Illinois. Her father, who was a farmer and carpenter contractor, served as tax collector in Salem township. Mr. and Mrs. Ray have a family of three children: Merle and Robert, who are managers of their father's wholesale meat business and, like him, are staunch democrats; and Burma

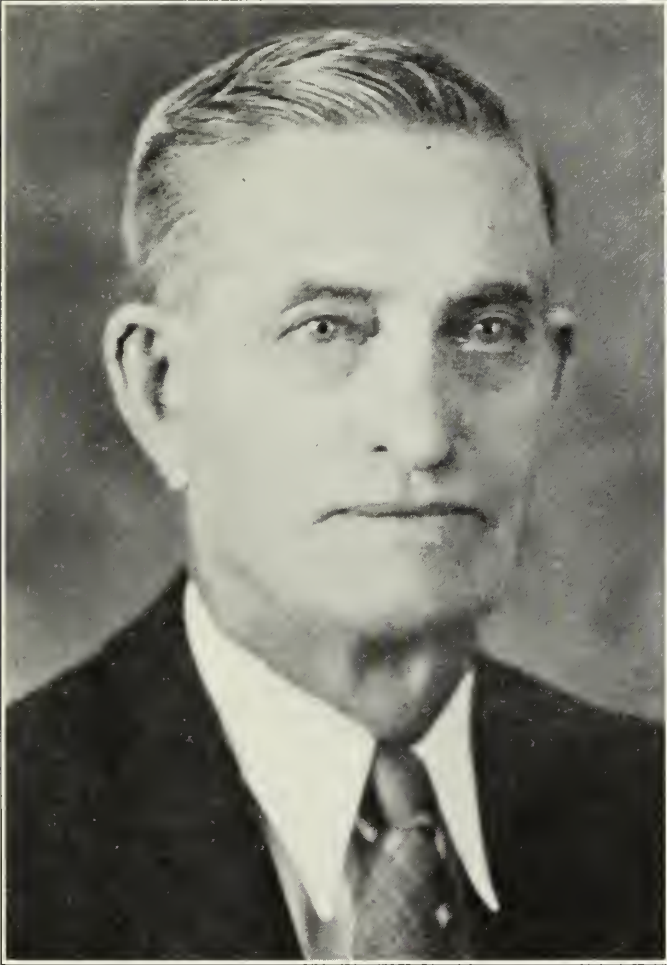
Jane, who is attending school. The parents hold membership in the Baptist Church and Mr. Ray is a member of Marion Lodge, No. 130, A. F. & A. M. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ray have always been stalwart advocates of the democratic party and the latter has been active in party work since 1922. She is now a member of the Marion County Women's Democratic Club. Mr. Ray has worked indefatigably for party success since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. In 1912 he was elected highway commissioner of Salem township and filled the office for a year, when he resigned. In 1930 he was elected precinct committeeman and afterward was chosen chairman of the Marion county democratic central committee, in which office he has been retained. He has been a delegate to many congressional, judicial and state conventions and has often attended state conventions as a visitor. In 1932 he was elected an alternate to the democratic national convention in Chicago. During the past four years he has made many campaign speeches in support of the entire ticket in all the neighboring counties, and his addresses are logical, forceful and convincing. During his incumbency as superintendent of the Illinois State Farm he has saved the commonwealth forty-two thousand dollars over the expenses of the previous year. In this he has had the cooperation of those serving under him and their united efforts have brought about a result that is highly gratifying to the taxpayers and highly commendable in the official.

JOHN E. DEMPSEY

John E. Dempsey, of Peoria, democratic candidate for probate clerk in 1934, was born in Brimfield, Peoria county, June 7, 1869, a son of Thomas and Mary (McKee) Dempsey. The father was born in Tipperary, Ireland, and became a resident of Peoria county in 1858. He was a farmer by occupation and was well known in the vicinity of Brimfield, and throughout Peoria county he also had a wide acquaintance. During the Civil war he joined the Union Army and was with his regiment at the front. He was among the few who came out of the Civil war and maintained his democracy. He was always a worker in the ranks of the party. He wedded Mary McKee, who was born in Belfast, Ireland, their marriage being celebrated in New York city, and shortly afterward they established their home in Peoria county. He died about 1898 and his wife in 1904. They had a family of eight children, as follows: John E., of this review; George; James; Thomas; Edward; Mrs. Margaret Conway; and William and Mary, both of whom are deceased.

John E. Dempsey was educated in Peoria county and started out to provide for his own support by working as an employe in a distillery. He was a general mechanic and followed that pursuit for more than thirty years, working his way steadily upward and holding good positions.

Mr. Dempsey was active in local politics as a worker for the democratic cause in early manhood. His personal acquaintance extended throughout the county and he unselfishly devoted himself to the party's welfare without any thought of personal gain. However, in 1916 he was nominated for state senator and in 1934 he received the democratic nomination for probate clerk. Although there was little chance of success in these campaigns, he spent money in the general interests of the party and through the lean years he was always active in keeping the party alive and unified. He likewise served as county chairman in 1916. In the primaries of 1934 he was nominated for probate clerk and despite the opposition of newer elements in the party he ran ahead of his opponent in the county generally and in the city of Peoria. He won the nomination with hardly any provision for campaign expenses and in the face of opposition from the elements in the party who had sought to keep the old political veteran in the rear. To quote his own words, he "showed them he was still on deck," and old friends rallied to his support and gave him a goodly vote.



JOHN E. DEMPSEY

In early manhood Mr. Dempsey was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Nickels, a native of Limestone township, Peoria county, Illinois, and a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Greischer) Nickels. Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey are the parents of five children, as follows: William, Lucille, Helen, Mary and Robert. Mr. Dempsey is a member of the Catholic church and is highly esteemed throughout Peoria county by all classes, especially by the working people, whose interests he has ever striven to promote.

ELMER C. FOLLETT

Elmer C. Follett, a representative of the farming interests of La Salle county, giving his attention particularly to the raising of small fruits, makes his home on the Bloomington road, not far from Ottawa. He was born in Deer Park township, La Salle county, Illinois, in 1878, a son of James and Mary Ann Follett. The father was always an active democrat, although during the Civil war this was a difficult situation to maintain.

Elmer C. Follett attended the common schools and afterward spent three years as a high school pupil in Normal, Illinois, while for one year he attended the Valparaiso University Teachers College at Valparaiso, Indiana. He has spent his life in farming, in the nursery business and in the live stock business in Deer Park township and in South Ottawa township in La Salle county, except for four or five years when he was a tree trimmer. For twenty years he resided in Deer Park township and for the past two decades has been a resident of South Ottawa township, his home being just at the edge of the city of Ottawa, where he has developed an extensive small fruits farm. He has thoroughly studied the business and employs the most progressive and scientific methods of producing fruit of the finest variety. One of his lines also is raising asparagus, and a few years ago he attracted the attention of the University of Illinois by raising four thousand, nine hundred and ninety-eight asparagus plants out of five thousand planted, while the loss is normally from forty to fifty per cent. Such was his record that a representative of the university came to look over his establishment. Mr. Follett is also interested in the gas business, having a station located at his place.

In politics Mr. Follett has always been a democrat and has frequently served as a delegate to the party conventions, standing loyally by the party organization during its lean years. He served for thirty years as precinct committeeman and built up the precinct, and his wife has also been active in party work. His father entertained Stephen A. Douglas at the time of the famous Lincoln-Douglas debates.

It was in 1901 that Mr. Follett married Miss Edith Maude Stillwell, who was born and reared in Deer Park township, La Salle county, Illinois, and they are the parents of a son, Walter Arthur. They are members of the Baptist Church and Mr. Follett belongs also to the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His hobby has always been hunting and fishing and he was formerly a member of a club of that character, but his time and attention are chiefly given to his business interests and he has attained a position of leadership as a producer of small fruits in northern Illinois.

JOHN R. GOODSON

On the roster of well known democrats of Douglas county appears the name of John R. Goodson, who is now postmaster at Newman. He was born in this county August 7, 1891, a son of Robert M. and Anna M. (Biggs) Goodson. The father was born in North Carolina and came to Illinois in 1870, settling in Douglas county, where he followed farming for almost a third of

a century or until his death in 1902. He always voted with the democratic party and was a staunch advocate of its principles. His wife was born in Douglas county, Illinois, her people having come here from Clark county, Indiana, in the early '50s. Her brother, John Biggs, served with the Illinois Volunteer Infantry in the Civil war and was killed in the battle of Chattanooga. Mrs. Goodson survives and makes her home in Newman.

The public schools of Newman afforded John R. Goodson his educational opportunities and he passed through consecutive grades to the high school. Reared to the occupation of farming, he continued to follow agricultural pursuits until 1917, when he enlisted in the army for service in the World war. He was stationed at the repair school in Peoria for a time and then went to Camp Jackson, South Carolina, where he remained until sent overseas with the July Automatic Replacement Division, remaining in Europe for nine months. He received his discharge at Camp Grant in May, 1919.

Returning to his home, Mr. Goodson again took up the occupation of farming, which he followed until 1927, when he became a salesman, being thus employed for a year. In 1928 he established a confectionery store in Newman which he still owns. He has always been active in democratic politics and has worked with the local committee in getting out the vote on election days and in otherwise supporting the party, always working for the entire ticket. He attends all the local democratic meetings and he is a member of the Jeffersonian Club. On the 16th of July, 1934, he was appointed by President Roosevelt to the office of postmaster of Newman.

In November, 1928, Mr. Goodson was united in marriage to Florence Schrader, a native of Bushnell, Illinois, who passed away April 26, 1930. Mr. Goodson holds membership in the Presbyterian Church and he belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the American Legion, in which he has served through all of the offices and has taken an active part in Legion work. He likewise belongs to the Business Men's Club and is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and upbuilding of his home community, his efforts for the public good being far-reaching and beneficial.

RENE HAVILL

No history of the democratic party in Illinois would be complete without mention of the Havill family, for through two generations the name has been closely associated with political activity in Wabash county and the state and has ever been a synonym for progressiveness and high ideals in citizenship. Rene Havill, living in Mount Carmel, is filling the position of supervisor of paroles at Menard, and his father, Frank W. Havill, was for many years in public office. The latter was born at Roseoe, now Coshocton, Ohio, September 20, 1842, and in Friendsville, Illinois, he married Miss Elizabeth Willman, a native of Mount Carmel. The Willman family came to Wabash county from Germany in 1830, at which time the father of Mrs. Havill entered land from the government, easting in his lot with the early settlers of this section of the state. Following their marriage Frank W. Havill and his wife settled in Mount Carmel, where he was first employed as a laborer. He was soon elected to public office, serving first as marshal for a term of two years and then spending two years as street commissioner, while for one term he filled the office of alderman from the first ward. When the country became involved in civil war he joined the Union Army, enlisting on July 25, 1861, and serving as a member of Company I, Fortieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and later was advanced to a captaincy, being in command of his company when honorably discharged July 25, 1865. In the meantime he had participated in many of the major battles of that long and sanguinary conflict and went with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea. He suffered gunshot wounds in his left shoulder, his right side and right leg, but the hardships of war never deterred him from his faithful performance of duty. He acted as assistant inspector of the First Division of

the First Army Corps and served in the secret service as adjutant of Harrison's Tennessee cavalry in 1863. Following the close of hostilities he returned to Mount Carmel and in 1877 became editor of the Mount Carmel Register, in which he had purchased a half interest in 1872. The paper was then republican in its political complexion and in 1878 he made it an organ of the democratic party, advocating the party principles through the editorial columns. He was appointed postmaster of Mount Carmel by President Cleveland in 1885 and occupied that office until 1889, when he resigned at the time Benjamin Harrison became chief executive of the nation. In 1890 Mr. Havill was elected clerk of the supreme court and served in that office for six years. In 1896 he was elected clerk of the appellate court and acted in that capacity until 1902. In 1903 he was elected mayor of Mount Carmel and gave his attention to the direction of municipal affairs through a one-year term. Always a staunch and active democrat, he was recognized as a leader of the party in Wabash county and served for many years as a committeeman, while for four years he was chairman of the democratic county central committee. He also was a member of the democratic state central committee and he attended all of the state, congressional and judicial conventions. He was also a delegate to several national conventions and was widely known to the leaders of the party not only in Illinois but from other sections of the country as well. He passed away June 5, 1907, having for about a year survived his wife, who died on the 30th of July, 1906. Fraternally he was a Mason and attained high rank in the order, becoming a Knight Templar in Mount Carmel and a member of the Mystic Shrine in Chicago. He also belonged to the Eastern Star, to the Tribe of Ben Hur, to the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He always proudly wore the little bronze button that proclaimed his connection with the Grand Army of the Republic, his membership being in T. S. Bowers Post.

Rene Havill, who was born in Mount Carmel, Illinois, May 15, 1882, attended the grammar and high schools of his native city and the Orchard City Business College at Flora, Illinois. For one year he acted as his father's secretary and in 1902 was appointed official court reporter in the second judicial district, serving most capably in that office until 1914, when he was made assistant chief clerk under Secretary of State Stevenson. He occupied that position for two years and from 1916 until 1920 served in the state legislature, giving careful consideration to all the vital questions which came up for settlement. During this time he also served for two years as chief officer of the Illinois income tax department and from 1922 until 1931 he acted as special tax man for several large oil companies. In 1931 he became secretary to P. J. Knob, an attorney of Mount Carmel, with whom he was associated until July 1, 1933, when he was appointed by Governor Horner to the position of supervisor of paroles at Menard, Illinois. His record as a public official, and that of his father as well, reflects credit and honor upon the history of democracy in Illinois. Rene Havill has always displayed an intense loyalty to democratic principles and has been an earnest party worker. He was precinct committeeman for several years and for four years occupied the chairmanship of the democratic central committee of Wabash county. He also served for four years on the democratic state committee and he has attended all of the state, congressional and judicial conventions since of age. Three times he has attended the democratic national conventions and at St. Louis, in 1916, served as an assistant sergeant at arms. For one term he filled the office of city commissioner and for several years has been a member of the school board of Mount Carmel, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion.

On the 11th of August, 1906, Mr. Havill was married to Miss Amy Lee Snyder, who was born in Mount Carmel, January 29, 1884, and is a daughter of Charles and Martha (McDaniels) Snyder, who were natives of Gibson county, Indiana. Their children are: Frank Walden, who was born June 21, 1907, and lives in Mount Carmel; and Charles, born May 4, 1916, and now a student in

Evansville, Indiana. Mr. Havill belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Elks lodge and is a loyal follower of the teachings and purposes of these societies. His faithfulness to any cause which he espouses is always one of his pronounced characteristics and the valuable work which he has done in public office ranks him as one of the representative men of the state.

ERWIN HERMAN RUNKWITZ

Erwin Herman Runkwitz, Superintendent of schools of St. Clair county, with offices in the courthouse at Belleville, was born February 16, 1872, in O'Fallon township, where he now resides. His father, Herman Runkwitz, was also born on the old family homestead and devoted his life to the occupation of farming. He was a son of Karl Runkwitz, a native of Altenburg, Germany, who came to the United States in 1834. Making his way across the country, he took up his abode in Illinois and purchased in 1839 what has since been known as the old Runkwitz homestead. He had learned the bookbinding trade in Germany, but in Illinois he gave his attention to farming and did much to aid in the agricultural development of the southwestern part of the state. His son, Herman Runkwitz, espoused the cause of the Union at the time of the Civil war and went to the front with the boys in blue of Company E, Forty-third Illinois Infantry. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Aurlie Budina, was also a native of Germany.

Erwin H. Runkwitz attended district schools of St. Clair county and afterward spent one term as a student in the Southern Illinois State Teachers College at Carbondale. He next entered McKendree College at Lebanon, which he attended for four years, being graduated on the 7th of June, 1894, with the Bachelor of Science degree. Four years later, or in 1898, his alma mater conferred upon him the Master of Science degree. In 1895 Mr. Runkwitz took up the profession of teaching in rural schools of St. Clair county, with which he was thus connected for six years. He then spent twenty-six years in the public schools of O'Fallon as a teacher and as principal of the high school. After the establishment of the township high school he became a member of its faculty and in 1931 he was elected county superintendent of schools on the democratic ticket. He is an able educator who has always imparted clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he has acquired and who has always held high ideals before the teachers who are under his jurisdiction.

In 1898 Mr. Runkwitz was married to Miss Caroline Reuss, of Shiloh Valley township, St. Clair county, and they have become parents of three children: Alice, who is now the wife of J. W. Dunn, of O'Fallon township, St. Clair county; Erwin H., Jr., who is science teacher in the township high school at Marissa, Illinois; and Julius, at home. Mr. Runkwitz belongs to the Shiloh Valley Grange, No. 1807, the Belleville Turners, and he is a member of the St. Clair County Teachers Association, the National Education Association and the Schoolmasters Club. In politics he is a democrat and has always given staunch support to the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He received the nomination in the last primary for county Superintendent of Schools.

REV. SEBA E. MARSHALL

Rev. Seba E. Marshall, chaplain of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary at Chester, was born in Ewing, Franklin county, November 16, 1896, a son of C. E. and Hester (Taylor) Marshall. The latter is a daughter of Richard and Nancy Taylor and a granddaughter of Edward Franklin, who was a sergeant in the Mexican war and who became one of the pioneer settlers of Illinois, Franklin county being named in his honor. The Taylor family has long figured prominently in the development of this section of the state and all have given political support to the democratic party. C. E. Marshall has likewise ever been an earnest demo-



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erat. He was born in Jefferson county, Illinois, October 29, 1868, followed farming in early manhood and later took up coal mining. For twelve years he filled the office of justice of the peace in Ewing township, Franklin county.

Seba E. Marshall acquired his education under great difficulties, but his unfaltering determination and laudable ambition have enabled him to overcome the obstacles which he faced and step by step he has advanced until he is today a well informed and broad-minded man. He was a lad of only thirteen years when he was forced to leave school and later begin work in the mines, where he was employed until 1927. He was with the army for a few months during the World war, enlisting September 5, 1918, but was not in active service. He then felt the call to become a preacher but knew that in order to be effective in the ministry he must have a wider education. Accordingly he attended a select school, in which he prepared for high school, and he became a freshman in high school at the age of thirty years. While thus pursuing his studies he worked intermittently in the mines and ultimately he became a student in the Southern Illinois State Teachers College at Carbondale, whereby he qualified for teaching and won his certificate. He has attended the summer sessions of that well known educational institution and is constantly increasing his usefulness through the development of his mental powers. He taught in schools of Benton for three years. He was teaching at the time of his appointment as chaplain. He was pastor of churches of Franklin county for eight years while going to school and teaching. In 1933 he was appointed chaplain of the Southern Illinois Penitentiary at Chester and is now rendering an excellent account of himself in that position. He has become a minister of the Baptist denomination and is constantly reaching out along lines of help and usefulness to his fellowmen. He served for four years on the city board of Benton.

On the 24th of December, 1919, Mr. Marshall was married to Miss Nina D. Kirk, a daughter of James V. Kirk, a merchant, who is a supporter of the republican party, but Mrs. Marshall votes with the democratic party. Mr. Marshall enjoys fishing and hunting when leisure gives him opportunity to indulge in those sports. Fraternally he is a Mason, was formerly identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and yet belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the American Legion.

DOUGLAS E. DALE

Douglas E. Dale, sub-district manager for the Home Owners Loan Corporation, with offices in Edwardsville, was born February 29, 1892, in the city where he yet resides, his parents being James B. and Rebecca Lee (Evans) Dale. The father was an early resident of Edwardsville, where he engaged in the real estate and insurance business and where he served as postmaster under President Cleveland. His father was Judge M. G. Dale, who occupied the bench of the county court. The mother of Douglas E. Dale was reared in Edwardsville and came of old Virginian stock.

The public schools of his native city accorded Douglas E. Dale his educational opportunities until he had graduated from the high school. Later he entered Illinois College at Jacksonville, where he completed his studies, after which he was employed by the Granite City Steel Company at Granite City, Illinois, starting in the shipping department. There he remained for sixteen years and steadily worked his way upward, various promotions bringing him to the position of superintendent of production. On a leave of absence from the steel company he joined the United States Army, going to Camp Taylor in Chillicothe, Ohio, where he entered the officers' training camp. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of field artillery and received his discharge in November, 1918. He has since been connected with the Reserve Officers Corps, in which he is a first lieutenant, and he belongs to the American Legion. At the close of his military experience he returned to the steel company, with which he remained until 1928, when he entered the life insurance business in connection

with his father in Edwardsville. Here they have since operated and have won a large number of clients, their business having been developed along most substantial lines.

On the 30th of June, 1920, Mr. Dale was united in marriage to Miss Adelaide C. Naylor, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of a son, James Lee.

Mr. Dale was reared a democrat and has never seen occasion to change his party allegiance. He assisted in organizing the Young Men's Democratic Club during the Wilson campaign and he has remained a staunch supporter of the party. He served on the local committee of the Civil Works Administration and on the 10th of May, 1934, was appointed sub-district manager of the Home Owners Loan Corporation. His interest in community welfare has been evidenced in many practical ways. He cooperates in all movements for community up-building and for the advancement of civic standards. He belongs to the Edwardsville Rotary Club, of which he is the president, and he is well known in Masonic circles, with membership in Edwardsville Lodge No. 99, of which he is a past master. He is likewise past high priest in his chapter and is the present district deputy grand master, a position which he has occupied for fifteen years. He is likewise very active in Mississippi Valley Consistory of East St. Louis and he has been accorded the honorary thirty-third degree.

MABEL REDDEN

Mabel Redden has the distinction of being the only woman in Vermilion county ever elected to a county office and is the only woman in the state filling the position of probate clerk. She has her offices in Danville, and the fact that she has been renominated is proof of the efficient, prompt and faithful manner in which she has discharged her duties.

Miss Redden, a native of Rossville, Vermilion county, Illinois, is a daughter of William B. and Sarah (Remster) Redden. Her father, an attorney of Rossville, practiced continuously there until his removal to Danville in 1907, after which his attention was chiefly given to dealing in farm lands. A stalwart democrat, he three times served as a delegate to the national conventions of the party, twice when William Jennings Bryan was nominated and again when Woodrow Wilson was made the choice of his party for the presidential race. Mr. Redden passed away March 4, 1925, and is survived by his widow, who lives in Danville with her daughter. She, too, comes of a family that, like the Reddens, have been democrats for generations. To Mr. and Mrs. William B. Redden were born four children. The eldest, Forrest D., lives in Danville. James B., who is superintendent of highways at Morocco, Newton county, Indiana, married Hazel Law, a daughter of Delmar Law, a banker of Morocco and one of the old-line democrats. Mr. and Mrs. James B. Redden have two children: Catherine, who was graduated from the Morocco high school in the spring of 1934; and Dorothy, a student in the Junior high school. The third member of the family, Curtis G. Redden, was a graduate of the University of Michigan, was for four years on the famous "Point a Moment" team and in the year 1903 was captain of both the baseball and football teams of the university. He was also left-end man on the All American team for about three years. He became a member of the National Guard and in 1898 served in the Spanish-American war, returning with the rank of captain, which he still held when he enlisted for service in the World war and went to France. Later he was commissioned lieutenant colonel and subsequently became colonel of his regiment, which was a part of the Second or Rainbow Division. He was with the troops in Coblenz, in command of his regiment with the army of occupation, and it was after the armistice was signed that he became ill of pneumonia and passed away on the 16th of January, 1919. His remains were brought back to Danville and interred in Springhill Cemetery. Not only did he make a brilliant military record but he was also prominent in the social and public life of his

community. He had been exalted ruler of the local lodge of Elks, and when the announcement of his death was made Bruce Campbell of the order delivered the memorial address.

The other member of the family, Mabel Redden, was educated in the Ross-ville schools, passing through consecutive grades to her graduation from the high school. She next entered Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio, and later continued her education in the University of Illinois. Turning to the business world, she served for six years as reporter of the Commercial News of Danville, after which she entered office by becoming a deputy county treasurer. She served in that capacity for four years and later was for four years secretary of the Fair, doing all the detail work. Her name was put on the democratic ticket as candidate for the office of probate clerk, the party leaders having sought her out to make her the nominee for the position. When she started her campaign she bought a second-hand Ford and traveled throughout the county. She was elected by a satisfactory majority and her excellent work as probate clerk has led to her renomination for a second term. She has saved money in the office, which she has turned over to the county when money was needed. She is secretary of the Probate Clerks Association of the State of Illinois, a position which she has occupied for three years, and she enjoys to the fullest extent the confidence and regard of the members of that organization, while in her home community she is well known socially and has a large circle of warm friends.

DANIEL H. BARRY

Daniel H. Barry, deputy internal revenue collector for Quincy, is numbered among the prominent and popular young native sons of the city. He was born February 21, 1901, his parents being Daniel E. and Mary (Leahy) Barry, both of whom were natives of Adams county, Illinois, the latter born in Quincy. Daniel E. Barry departed this life in 1902 and on the 2d of October, 1904, Mrs. Barry became the wife of Arthur R. Roy, assistant states attorney for Adams county, whose biography appears on another page of this publication.

In the acquirement of an education Daniel H. Barry attended the parochial, grade and high schools of Quincy and also St. Francis College of this city. He served as deputy internal revenue collector for Quincy from 1919 until 1921 and on the 20th of October, 1933, was again appointed to the office, the duties of which he has discharged in a most efficient and highly satisfactory manner. He is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and has won many warm friends in fraternal and social as well as political circles of the city which has always been his home.

GORDON R. JOHNSON

Gordon R. Johnson, who is now serving as secretary to the superintendent of the Peoria police, comes of an old-line democratic family. His father has for many years been active in Illinois Democracy and is recognized as a militant worker for its success. Gordon R. Johnson was born in Farmington, Fulton county, this state, July 4, 1904, and is a son of H. V. and Essa (Russell) Johnson, both of whom are natives of Fulton county, their families having been pioneer settlers there. For many years H. V. Johnson was an active factor in the real estate business in Peoria and in Fulton county and became widely known through his business as well as through his political connections. To him and his wife were born two children, the elder being H. V. Jr., who served in the World war and who has followed in his father's footsteps politically, becoming an active supporter of the democratic party.

The younger son, Gordon R. Johnson, completed his education in the high school of Canton, Illinois, and since that time has been active in the real estate field, gaining a thorough familiarity with property values and doing much to promote realty transfers in Peoria. He can speak with authority upon property

that is on the market and in all his dealings has been actuated by a spirit of enterprise and progress. He turned from personal business interests, however, to official service when on the 3d of May, 1933, Mayor Charles L. O'Brien appointed him to the position of secretary to the police department, in which capacity he is now serving, making an excellent record by his systematic discharge of duty. He has always voted with the democratic party, has labored to win victory for its candidates and is active in the organization of Junior Jeffersonians.

RALPH VAN MATRE

Richland county has no more loyal representative of Illinois democracy than Ralph Van Matre, popular postmaster of Olney, who has taken an extraordinarily active part in the political affairs of this locality. He is a native of Richland county, his birth having occurred June 13, 1888, and he is a son of Joseph B. and Rosie (Pitzer) Van Matre. The father was born in the state of Ohio and came to Illinois with his family prior to the Civil war. He was a stock buyer all of his life. A democrat of the strongest type, he served one term as treasurer of Richland county, was a delegate to several judicial and congressional conventions, and was postmaster of Calhoun, Illinois, for four years under the Cleveland administration. His son, Sam J. Van Matre, likewise was postmaster of Calhoun for eight years during the Wilson administration. Rosie (Pitzer) Van Matre was born in Warren, Indiana, and her people settled near Calhoun, in Richland county, soon after the close of the Civil war.

Ralph Van Matre acquired his education in the grade and high schools of Olney, Illinois, after which, for a brief period, he engaged in stock buying. He was next manager of the O'Connor Wholesale Grocery Company for three years and then, in association with his brother, Samuel J., opened the well known Fairlawn addition, on which ground they built their grocery store. Steadily this business has increased, the result being the modern establishment now on the site. Mr. Van Matre, in recognition of his sterling service to the democratic party, was appointed postmaster of Olney May 20, 1933. He has been a committeeman of the fifth precinct for eight or ten years. He has attended three state conventions as a delegate, and also many congressional and judicial conventions. He was one of the organizers and is a member of the Young Democrats Jeffersonian Club, and has always worked for the whole ticket in the campaigns. He has been of decided influence in political affairs and has always been an advocate of clean politics.

Mr. Van Matre has been twice married. He was first united in marriage to Miss Evelyn Elliott, who is now deceased. By this union there was one daughter, Helen, who is now at home. Mr. Van Matre was married secondly in 1928 to Miss Elizabeth Boone, whose family were early settlers of Clay county, Illinois, but for the last forty years have resided in the state of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Van Matre have two children, Louise and Rose Nan.

Mr. Van Matre is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Olney, the Illinois State Postmasters Association, and the National Association of Postmasters. He belongs to the Elks Lodge, No. 926, and is also a member of the Elm Street Christian Church of Olney.

EINAR SORENSON

Einar Sorenson, of Antioch, occupies the position of state inspector of the northern division of waterways of the department of public works and buildings. A native of Chicago, he was born in 1886. His father, Sam Sorenson, a native of Denmark, sought the opportunities of the new world and became an engineer on the St. Paul Railroad, in which capacity he was employed for many years. He always voted the democratic ticket and was an earnest party worker in Chicago. He wedded Mary Dewey, also a native of Denmark.

Einar Sorenson was reared in the old thirtieth ward of Chicago and at-



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tended the public schools there. In young manhood he entered the employ of the St. Paul Railroad and became an engineer, remaining with that road for twelve years. Later he entered the automobile business in Chicago as president of the Sorenson Motor Sales Company, handling the Rickenbacker cars.

From the time he attained his majority Mr. Sorenson has been a stalwart advocate of the democratic party, active as a precinct worker, as captain and committeeman in the old thirtieth ward of Chicago. For eight years he was the democratic election judge in his precinct. He then entered the resort business by purchasing property on Channel Lake, near Antioch, and has developed this continuously since. When the eighteenth amendment was repealed he entered the tavern business by establishing a first-class place at his resort. On coming to Lake county he had resolved to retire from active participation in party affairs, but on finding the democratic forces in such poor condition in the county, he reentered the harness and in 1931 was able to file petitions for a candidate for a committeeman from every precinct in the county, thus giving to Lake county its full committee strength. In 1930 he was elected a member of the county committee and has served continuously since. In 1932 he was a candidate for congress from the old tenth district but was defeated in the primary. In 1934 he was appointed inspector of the northern division of waterways in the department of public works and buildings for the state. Mr. Sorenson attended the state democratic conventions in 1932 and 1934 as a delegate and he is very active in organizations for the improvement and conservation of the state waterways and natural lakes, his interest along this line well qualifying him for his work as a public official. In 1931 he was campaign manager for Peter Petersen, who was elected as the first democratic mayor of Waukegan in twenty years, and in 1932 Mr. Sorenson was chairman of the executive committee of the county committee. The same year he acted as chairman of the picnic committee of the county organization, which netted the chest over one thousand dollars.

In 1907 Mr. Sorenson was united in marriage to Eva Kautz, of Chicago, and they are the parents of two sons and a daughter, namely: Raymond E. and Edward, who are associated with their father in business; and Eleanor A., a beauty culturist who conducts her shop at the Sorenson Resort at Channel Lake. The first named, Raymond E. Sorenson, is an active leader in political affairs in the younger set and occupies the presidency of the Antioch Democratic Club.

Mr. Sorenson has always found interest and recreation in hunting and fishing. In fact he is an ardent sportsman along these lines and he and his sons also do much in taxidermy, having many fine specimens which hang upon the walls of his resort at Channel Lake.

ROBERT E. BOYER

The name of Robert E. Boyer has long been an honored one in democratic circles in Adams county. He is now the candidate for the office of county treasurer and there is no doubt as to his election to the position. Mr. Boyer was born in Richfield township, this county, December 22, 1893, his parents being John L. and Lonise (Koetzle) Boyer. The father was also born in Richfield township and is mentioned in connection with the sketch of Lewis L. Boyer, brother of our subject, on another page of this work.

Robert E. Boyer acquired his education in the grade and high schools of Liberty as a student under his brother, Lewis L., and in early manhood took up the profession of teaching. For eight years he taught in Adams county and made an excellent record as an educator. He afterward spent fifteen years with the Earhart Motor Company of Quincy but owing to the condition of his health he was obliged to resign. When he had somewhat recovered his health he decided to enter the political field and made the race for county treasurer,

being nominated on the democratic ticket and being given a majority of fourteen hundred at the primary election in April, 1934.

On the 28th of November, 1918, Mr. Boyer was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Sines, daughter of Rev. S. E. Sines. While they have no children of their own, they have reared Mrs. Boyer's young sister Helen, who became a member of their household when she was seven years of age. Mrs. Boyer has been closely associated with educational interests, having taught school for the past twenty years, during the latter part of which period she has been principal of the Ellington school. On the 9th of March, 1934, Francis G. Blair, state superintendent of public instruction, dedicated Ellington as a superior school, this being the only superior school in Adams or an adjoining county. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer are members of the First Christian Church of Quincy. Fraternally Mr. Boyer is a Mason, with membership in Quincy Consistory, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and to the American Legion.

WILLIAM E. MILLER

William E. Miller, a retired farmer living at Libertyville, has spent most of his life in northeastern Illinois and has witnessed many changes as the work of development and improvement has been carried steadily forward. Born in Oswego county, New York, September 29, 1854, he is a son of W. A. and Susan (Graham) Miller, who were also natives of the Empire state. The father was both a farmer and brick maker and in 1855 he removed westward to Lake county, Illinois, where he worked as a brick maker, although soon after his arrival he hired out as a farm hand and cut grain with a cradle where the present estates of the wealthy are now seen along the north shore. The following year he and his wife went to Oconto, Wisconsin, where they conducted a boarding house for a lumber concern for six years. On the expiration of that period they returned to Lake county and Mr. Miller purchased a farm which he cultivated for about four years and then leased, establishing his home in Waukegan, where he entered the brick manufacturing business. Many of the older structures of the city are built from brick which he made. Following the Chicago fire of 1871 he removed to the city, where he manufactured brick that was used in the rebuilding of the metropolis. At a later date, however, he returned to Lake county, where he owned several farms. In 1893 he purchased one hundred and forty-one acres near Libertyville and made his home thereon until 1913, when he sold the property to Samuel Insull, it becoming a part of the latter's model farm.

William E. Miller attended the public schools of the various localities in which the family lived and for a year studied in an academy at Winnetka, Illinois. When twenty-two years of age he was elected road commissioner of the town of Libertyville and occupied the position for three years, while at the same time he did work on the home farm. In 1882 he was elected supervisor of Libertyville township and was reelected at each succeeding election until he had filled the position for sixteen terms, a record which indicates unmistakably his fitness for the position and his fidelity to the duties of the office. During this time he was also elected president of the Lake County Fair Association and so served for seven years. While thus engaged he was one of two or three democrats on the county board and he had the distinction of being the first democrat to serve as chairman of the county board, acting in that capacity for two terms and also serving for three terms on the county board of review, being chairman thereof for two terms. In 1928 he was elected assistant supervisor of Libertyville township and has served continuously since. He cast his first presidential vote for the democratic candidate in 1876 and has consistently voted the ticket and worked for the party since that time except in the year 1896, when he differed with Bryan on the silver question. On several

occasions he has allowed his name to be used to fill the county democratic ticket and during the past twelve years he has been a member of the Lake county democratic central committee. He is widely recognized as one of the leaders of the party in his county and his labors have been an effective force in promoting party strength.

Mr. Miller remained on the farm with his father until the property was sold, when they built the home in Libertyville which he now occupies, and there the father passed away in 1929, at the very venerable age of ninety-two years. William E. Miller was a passenger on the first train over the Chicago & North Western Railway that ran through to Milwaukee. He and his sister, Clara S., make their home together in Libertyville. Another sister, Mrs. Rhoda Yager, now deceased, reared a family of seven children and one of her sons, Herbert Yager, who lives in Waukegan, has been very active in the democratic party and was a candidate for sheriff in 1934. Mr. Miller is well known in fraternal circles. He is a social member of the Modern Woodmen of America but gives the greater part of his time in connection with fraternal affairs to Masonry. He belongs to the Masonic lodge, in which he advanced to the office of worshipful master, has a life membership in the Royal Arch chapter at Waukegan, belongs to Waukegan Commandery, No. 12, K. T., and is also enrolled with the Nobles of Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Chicago.

JOSEPH R. DOWNS

Among the progressive and enterprising business men of Peoria is numbered Joseph R. Downs, a substantial electrical contractor, who is widely known throughout this region not only because of his business activity but also because of his prominence in democratic ranks. He represents a family that has long been connected with the party, his father before him having in his lifetime been one of the militant democrats of the old school.

Joseph R. Downs was born in Peoria, a son of John and Martha (McNamara) Downs, both of whom were natives of County Clare, Ireland. Determining to try their fortune in the new world, they crossed the Atlantic and cast in their lot among the early residents of Peoria, Illinois. Mr. Downs was a man of fine intellectual attainments and an orator of pronounced ability, and he soon became an influential and valuable aid to the democratic organization of this city, serving in many campaigns as one of its leading speakers. He held the position of government gauger in a Peoria warehouse for a number of years and also served as deputy county clerk of Peoria county, making an excellent record as a public official as well as a business man. To him and his wife were born four children: John, James C., Joseph R. and Agnes. The first named is deceased.

Joseph R. Downs was educated in the schools of Peoria and when his textbooks were put aside served an apprenticeship to the electrical trade, thoroughly mastering the business. For a number of years he was employed as a journeyman electrical worker, after which he founded his electrical engineering and contracting business, which he has since carried on, developing an enterprise of large proportions. He has outfitted most of the large buildings of modern construction in Peoria with their electric service and is considered an outstanding man in his field of endeavor in this part of Illinois. Every phase of the business is familiar to him and he thoroughly understands the great scientific principles which underlie his work, so that he has made valuable contribution to electrical engineering here. He holds membership in the National Electrical Contractors Association. In early manhood Mr. Downs was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Scanlan, a native of Peoria. He is well known in social circles, being a member of the Mount Hawley Country Club and also of the Creve Coeur Club. His outstanding characteristics gain for him the respect, confidence and friendship of all with whom he comes in contact and his public-spirited citizenship is a well known point in his life record.

HENRY CLAUDE McKINNEY

Henry Claude McKinney, a member of the White county bar, now serving as state's attorney, makes his home in Carmi. His birth occurred in Centerville, Illinois, August 31, 1875, his parents being Richard H. and Mary (Bozeman) McKinney. He pursued his education in the Carmi schools, taking work equivalent to the present day high school course. At the present time he is giving his attention to his official duties. Since attaining his majority he has voted with the democratic party and in 1906 he was elected city attorney, which office he filled until 1908. In November, 1932, he was elected state's attorney of White county by the greatest majority ever given a democrat in his county—a fact indicative of his personal popularity—and is the present incumbent in the position. He has attended nearly all of the state and county conventions for a number of years and is recognized as one of the leading representatives of democracy in White county.

During the Spanish-American war Mr. McKinney was made a captain of Company G, Sixth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, the command being stationed at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, but was never called to active service at the front.

It was in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, on the 3d of December, 1902, that Mr. McKinney was married to Miss Cora Hetzler and they have become parents of four children, namely: Mary, Fiddie, Richard and Jack. In his fraternal relations Mr. McKinney is a Knight of Pythias and an Elk, and his religious faith is that of the Primitive Baptist Church. He has many sterling traits of character which have won him high regard, and in every relation of life he has commanded the respect and confidence of his fellowmen to an unusual degree.

JOHN P. ARIMOND

John P. Arimond, assistant manager of the Illinois Free Employment Service at Aurora, was born in Chicago, September 5, 1892, a son of Peter and Catherine (Hoffman) Arimond, both of whom were natives of Germany, in which country they were reared and married. They came to the United States about 1890, making their way direct to Chicago, where the father engaged in the butchering business until his death in 1915. His wife survived him for several years, passing away in 1921. Their family numbered four children: Henry; Peter, who was married in 1915 to Adeline Foertsch and who now has four children, Margaret, George, John and Matthew; Gertrude, who is the wife of August Steinhafel of Roby, Indiana, and the mother of one son, William; and John P., of this review.

The last named was a pupil in the public schools of Chicago until he had completed the work of several grades, after which he attended night school, pursuing a course in traffic management for about a year and a half. He was then employed by the Independent Pneumatic Tool Company and his faithfulness and efficiency are indicated in the fact that he continued with the company for sixteen years, acting as chief shipping clerk during the last five years of the period. He was previously for nine years with the wholesale house of Marshall Field & Company. On the 16th of March, 1933, he received appointment to his present position as assistant manager of the Illinois Free Employment Service at Aurora.

Mr. Arimond was married to Miss Margaret Hoffman, a daughter of Matt and Catherine (Jacoby) Hoffman, who are residents of Aurora, where her father has retired from active business. Mr. and Mrs. Arimond have become parents of seven children: Hildegard, Harold, Marjorie, Donald, Richard, Patty Lou and Leonora. The family attends St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church and Mr. Arimond belongs to the Holy Name Society and to the Catholic Order of Foresters. His political endorsement has always been given the democratic party, in the work of which he is actively and helpfully interested. He has served as ward committeeman for four years and in 1934 was a delegate to the state convention of the party at Springfield. Two years before he had



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attended the national convention in Chicago which nominated Franklin D. Roosevelt for the presidency, and in 1934 he was elected executive chairman of the Kane county democratic committee, in which connection he is rendering important service to the organization.

LESLIE O. CAIN

The town of Bowen, Hancock county, has as its efficient postmaster Leslie O. Cain, who was born in this county on the 5th of September, 1898, his parents being Hopson T. and Etta (Shourer) Cain. The mother passed away in 1931. The father, who throughout his active business life followed farming in Hancock county, is now living retired in Bowen, where he has made his home for the past ten years. In politics he has always been a staunch democrat and has been an active party worker in his township. For twelve years he acceptably filled the office of assessor of Chili township and he has also served as a school director. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Leslie O. Cain attended the public schools of Chili township and was afterward a pupil in the high school of Bowen until he was graduated as a member of the class of 1917. The following year, when a youth of about twenty, he joined the United States Navy, enlisting in June. He served until October, 1919, and was on duty on the United States Steamship George Washington, which was used in transporting troops to Europe. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to Illinois, settling in Bowen, and for four or five years engaged in farming. He was subsequently connected with the feed and grain business in Bowen for nine years, acting as manager thereof during the last three years of that period. He then resigned to become the postmaster of Bowen, having been appointed on the 3d of May, 1934. He also served for one year as a member of the city council but resigned that position when he was made postmaster.

In 1924 Mr. Cain was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Winfield. He belongs to the American Legion, thus keeping in close connection with his old World war comrades, and he also has membership in the Christian Church.

RAMA H. SWEET

Rama H. Sweet is a representative of a family that for almost one hundred years has supported the democratic party in Illinois. He is now serving as property tax supervisor, with offices in the capitol at Springfield. He was born January 16, 1896, in Thompsonville, Franklin county, Illinois, his grandfather having settled in that county about a century ago. While the family lived in a republican township, all of the voters were staunch democrats, enthusiastically supporting the party and its candidates. Dennis Huston Sweet, father of Rama H. Sweet, was born in Illinois and devoted his life to the occupation of farming. He took active part in the campaign work in support of William Jennings Bryan and he attended various political meetings and conventions, invariably accompanied by his son Rama, who went with his father when but four years of age. Dennis H. Sweet was a member of the Christian Church. He married Nancy E. Perryman, also a native of Illinois, and they represented old pioneer families of the state who came from Tennessee and Kentucky. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sweet have passed away. The latter was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. Their children were as follows: Florence, who became the wife of Oris P. Sullivan, of Thompsonville, and died leaving one child, Ervin Sullivan; Alma, who died in infancy; Ona, who is the wife of Robert Russell, of Benton, Illinois, and has two sons, Elbert and Lee; Estella, the deceased wife of Edmund Little and the mother of one child, Thelma; Lemay H., deceased, who married Kate Mayer and for his second wife chose Jessie Maheny, the children of his first marriage being Leslie, Ethel and Ruth and of the second marriage Bessie and Pollyanna.

Rama H. Sweet, the youngest child born to his parents, attended the graded and high schools of Thompsonville, being graduated from the latter in 1913. The following year he entered Valparaiso University of Indiana, where he completed a course by graduation with the class of 1915. For two years he engaged in teaching the schools of Thompsonville and then entered the army, serving for one year, from February, 1918, until February, 1919. He was overseas with Battery D of the Three Hundred and Twenty-fifth Field Artillery of the Eighty-fourth Division and returned as a corporal. After reaching home he secured a position in the State Bank of West Frankfort and after serving for ten years as assistant cashier was advanced to the office of vice president, in which he continued for a year. In March, 1933, he received appointment to the position of property tax supervisor for the Illinois Tax Commission and has since acted in that capacity, making an excellent record for efficient and loyal service.

Mr. Sweet adheres to the religious faith of his mother, attending the Missionary Baptist Church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and he also has membership with the Modern Woodmen of America and with Earl Cowan Post No. 389 of the American Legion at West Frankfort. Bowling and hunting are his favorite pastimes and frequently occupy his attention when leisure permits. He has always voted with and worked for the interests of the democratic party, thus following in the footsteps of his ancestors, but until the present time has never received political appointment as a reward for party fealty.

JAMES MONROE THOMAS

James Monroe Thomas, who is serving as lock tender at Marseilles, makes his home at 300 Broadway in that city. A native of Kentucky, he was born about ten miles from Lebanon, in Marion county, January 30, 1862, and is a son of W. M. and Cynthia (McClain) Thomas, both of whom have passed away. He acquired a public school education in his native state and there resided until forty-seven years of age, devoting his time and energies to the occupation of farming. He then went to Oklahoma and afterward to Kansas City, while at a later date he resided in Chillicothe, Illinois. In 1917 he came to Marseilles, Illinois, where he worked in factories and afterward in a cigar store.

Mr. Thomas was married in 1884, on the day when Grover Cleveland was elected president of the United States. He cast his vote that morning and proceeded to his wedding. He has never scratched a ticket since and has always been an active party worker. He served as judge of election for three or four years and while in Kentucky he worked against one of the strongest men in his county who was a candidate for the office of county road supervisor. Later he helped elect the same man.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, who in her maidenhood bore the name of May Ida Mattingly, are members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Thomas was formerly identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. On the 1st of May, 1933, he was appointed lock tender of Locks 9 and 10 at Marseilles and is now serving in that position. He has become well known during his residence here and has gained many warm friends.

REX O. MUDD, D. V. S.

Dr. Rex O. Mudd, who for a number of years has engaged in the active practice of veterinary surgery of Biggsville, Illinois, was in February, 1934, appointed by Governor Horner to the office of bovine tuberculosis inspector. He was born in Stronghurst, Henderson county, May 26, 1890, a son of Benjamin L. and Mary E. (Stine) Mudd. The father's birth occurred in Hitt, Missouri, January 28, 1852, and throughout his active life he followed the occupation of farming, in addition to which he taught school for twelve years in young manhood. For the past fifteen years he has lived retired in Stronghurst, enjoy-

ing a rest which he has richly earned and well merits. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary E. Stine, was born near Stronghurst in 1857.

Their son, Rex O. Mudd, attended the public schools of his native town, completing the high school course, after which he engaged in teaching for five years in Henderson county but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor. He next attended the McKillip Veterinary College of Chicago and was graduated with the class of 1919. He left college, however, to enter the army on the 21st of September, 1917, and was assigned to duty with the Three Hundred and Thirteenth Engineers at Camp Dodge, Iowa. In March, 1918, he was transferred to Chicago for the purpose of finishing his veterinary course, as the army was in need of veterinary surgeons. When the war was over he completed his college work and entered upon the active practice of his profession in Biggsville, where he has now remained for fifteen years. For about eight years he has been engaged in tubercular eradication work for the state of Illinois and by reason of his broad and valuable experience in this field Governor Horner in February, 1934, appointed him bovine tuberculosis inspector, his territory being the entire state of Illinois, as he is subject to call to any part of the state. He is a member of the Illinois Veterinarians Association.

On the 20th of April, 1919, Dr. Mudd was married to Miss Maude E. Essex. They attend and hold membership in the Presbyterian Church and Dr. Mudd also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has been very active in democratic organization work and is now serving as alderman of Biggsville. His life has been governed by principles which neither seek nor require disguise. He has led a busy and useful life, holds to high ideals of professional service and is equally loyal and progressive in all matters of citizenship.

GRENDAL F. BENNETT

Grendel F. Bennett, master in chancery of Clark county and a well known attorney of Marshall, was born October 10, 1900, in the county where he still resides, his parents being Norman and Nora (Barbee) Bennett, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. After attending the grade and high schools of Marshall he entered the University of Illinois as a law student and received his LL. B. degree in 1926. He then began practice in Paris, this state, where he remained until 1928, and since that time he has maintained his office in Marshall, where his clientage has steadily grown in volume and importance, so that he ranks today among the leading young lawyers of Illinois.

Mr. Bennett has followed in the political footsteps of his father and has given active support to the democratic party since of age. In 1928 he was the party candidate for the office of state's attorney but was defeated and in 1932 was the unsuccessful candidate for the office of circuit judge. He attends all the congressional and judicial conventions of his party and his loyalty thereto is one of his pronounced characteristics.

In 1926 Mr. Bennett was united in marriage to Miss Irene Taubeneck, a native of Clark county, Illinois, and a daughter of O. O. and Effa (Hall) Taubeneck, members of an honored pioneer family of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are the parents of a daughter, Nancy C. Mrs. Bennett is a member of the Women's Democratic Club of Clark county.

The military record of Mr. Bennett covers service with Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Machine Gun Battalion. He enlisted in 1918 and went overseas, where he was on duty until the signing of the armistice. He received his discharge from Camp Grant in April, 1919, and he is now a member of Clark County Post No. 90 of the American Legion, of which he is a past commander, while his wife is a member of the Legion Auxiliary. They are well known in social circles and enjoy the goodwill of all because of their sterling traits of character. Mr. Bennett is now serving as master in chancery through appointment in September, 1933, and his record in office is a creditable one.

OTIS M. LAMAR

Otis M. Lamar, postmaster at Rosiclare, is one of the stalwart democrats of Hardin county who have come into office with the accession of democracy to the place of political power in this country. A native of Hardin county, Illinois, he was born July 18, 1889, his parents being William Thomas and Laura (Staley) Lamar. The father was elected on the democratic ticket to the office of sheriff of Hardin county for the term from 1902 until 1906, was assessor and treasurer from 1906 until 1910 and was county commissioner from 1910 until 1918, thus taking active and prominent part in shaping the political history of the county.

Otis M. Lamar acquired a common school education and he is now active in the wholesale and retail oil business, representing the Sinclair Oil Company in Hardin county. At the time of the World war, however, all business and personal considerations were put aside and he enlisted in 1918, becoming a private in Headquarters Company of the Fifty-fourth Infantry of the Sixth Division. He was overseas for one year and served for fifty-four days in the front lines, being on active duty in Alsace-Lorraine and in the Argonne drive. His name is on the membership rolls of the American Legion.

On the 14th of November, 1916, in Rosiclare, Illinois, Mr. Lamar was married to Miss Edna Davis and they are the parents of three children, Marcella, Anita Ruth and Harold. Their religious faith is that of the Christian Church, and Mr. Lamar is also identified with the Masonic fraternity. His political support has been unfalteringly given to the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and since that time he has been an active party worker. He has attended all the county and state conventions since reaching the age of twenty-one years and was a delegate to the state convention in Springfield in April, 1934. He has been precinct committeeman of Rosiclare since the 1920s. He served as chairman of the county central committee from 1926 until 1928, and on the 24th of November, 1933, he was appointed postmaster of Rosiclare, in which capacity he is now serving, the duties of the office sharing his activities in the field of business.

FRED L. WATTS

Fred L. Watts, a leading farmer of Ogle county who is well known in democratic circles and who well deserves mention in the record of Illinois Democracy, was born in Mount Morris on the 17th of February, 1869. His father, William H. Watts, was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1819 and came to this state about 1836, settling in Ogle county, where he homesteaded three hundred and twenty acres of land two and one-half miles south of Mount Morris. It was virgin soil which he converted into rich and productive fields, spending his remaining days thereon, his labors resulting in making this property a valuable farm. In politics he was an ardent democrat and took an active interest in the local campaigns. He died in 1899, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Anna Emila Ankney, was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1832 and passed away in 1898.

Their son, Fred L. Watts, after attending the rural schools and following his graduation from the Mount Morris high school, matriculated in Mount Morris College, where he pursued his studies for three years. When he was but seventeen years of age his father started him out to get democratic votes by hauling the voters to the polls, furnishing him with a team for that purpose. He has since been active in all succeeding campaigns and has served continuously as a member of the democratic county central committee for the last twenty years, while at the present writing he is also a member of the county executive committee. He is serving on the farm adjustment committee of Ogle county and as a member of the drought relief committee in this county. He has always been an able financial supporter of the party, but has never been a candidate for office. In young manhood Mr. Watts began farming on his own account and continued to follow agricultural pursuits from 1894 until



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1902. In the latter year he established his home in Mount Morris, where he opened a grocery store and also dealt in harness and horse goods, making his home in the town from 1902 until 1928.

In 1894 Mr. Watts married Fannie Felker, who passed away December 25, 1923, and in 1927 he wedded Elizabeth Slifer. He is well known in lodge circles as a Mason and has advanced high in that order, as is indicated by the fact that he is now a Shriner. He consistently follows the teachings and purposes of the craft and is a firm believer in its basic principles.

THOMAS R. AUBREY

Thomas R. Aubrey, who has retired from business and makes his home in Bartonville, was born in Hardin county, Kentucky, September 20, 1868, a son of G. G. W. and Mary Elizabeth (Burris) Aubrey, both of whom were natives of Kentucky and were representatives of old pioneer stock of that state who came there from Virginia. The father of Thomas R. Aubrey was a veteran of the Mexican war and also served with the Union Army throughout the Civil war. His family numbered ten children, eight sons and two daughters, all of whom became good democrats.

Thomas R. Aubrey, the seventh son, was educated in Mercer county, Illinois, to which place his parents removed when he was two years of age. When his school days were over he became an employe of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, acting as foreman and timekeeper. The same patriotic spirit which prompted his father to serve in two wars led him to enlist for service in the Spanish-American war as a member of Company A, Ninth Illinois Infantry, with which he went to Cuba, taking part in the fighting on that island. After the war he remained in Illinois until 1901, when he went to Kansas as an employe of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company, and later he engaged in railroad work in Chillicothe, Illinois. At length he was pensioned by the railroad in 1930 and he is now living retired in Bartonville.

Mr. Aubrey has been in politics all his life. Someone said of him: "He is a veritable democratic wheel horse—one of the boys who has carried the banner in and out of season—always a virile, forceful democrat." For twenty years he served as precinct committeeman at Chillicothe and he has been a delegate to three state conventions. In 1926 he became mayor of Chillicothe and gave to the city a businesslike and progressive administration. He is well known through other connections, having been president of the Brotherhood of the Illinois Division of the Santa Fe Railroad. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic lodge, and he is at all times loyal to any cause which he espouses. He can be counted upon to further any measure with which he becomes allied and all who know him bear testimony to the sterling worth of his character.

CHARLES CERMAK, JR.

Charles Cermak, Jr., of Antioch, has the distinction of being one of the youngest committeemen of Illinois, and it is an acknowledged fact that he is one of the liveliest and most energetic of the younger democrats of the state, who have done so much to lift the party to its present elevation. He typifies the spirit of the younger democracy, which is inspired by the achievements of those old champions of Jeffersonian principles, and which has enabled them to give the utmost of their talent and energy in the fight for supremacy.

Charles Cermak, Jr., is a native of Chicago, Illinois. He was born October 1, 1911, and he is a son of Charles, Sr. and Ann (Misiacka) Cermak. The father was a native of Czecho-Slovakia and came to the United States when he was only eleven years of age. Most of his active life he resided in the city of Chicago, where he was in the retail liquor business for many years, and all during this period he was an active supporter of the democratic party through all of its campaigns. His wife was likewise a native of Czecho-Slovakia. In

1924 the father moved the family to Antioch, Illinois, where he entered the grocery business, and there his son Charles finished his education, his studies there and in Chicago having been pursued in both the public and the parochial schools.

After graduating from high school, Charles Cermak, Jr., entered business with his father, and when he had reached his majority, he immediately became quite active in democratic party affairs. In 1934 he was elected a member of the democratic county committee, and also in the same year he was a delegate to the democratic state convention. He is secretary and treasurer of the Antioch Democratic Club, and altogether is an outstanding party worker. Young, energetic, and inspired with the new success of the democratic party in Illinois, he has given much to the work, and, as noted, he is one of the youngest committeemen in the state of Illinois.

Mr. Cermak is president of the Keynoters Club of the St. Peters Church of Antioch, and he is also a member of the Holy Name Society. Needless to write that his religion is that of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Cermak is widely known as a very talented vocalist.

WILLIAM ETHELBERT BRADBURY

Crawford county numbers William Ethelbert Bradbury among her native sons. He was born of the marriage of Presley G. and Jennie K. (Kelly) Bradbury, to whom extended reference is made elsewhere in this work. He received a public school education in Robinson and after leaving high school entered the University of Notre Dame in Indiana to prepare for a legal career. He was graduated therefrom in 1916, at which time the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him, and in the same year he began active practice in Robinson in association with his father. The following year, however, he enlisted for service in the United States Army, this country having entered the World war. He was sent to the Fourth Officers Training School and was on duty as a first-class private at Camp Custer. Later he was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry, U. S. A., on the 26th of August, 1917, and was assigned to the infantry replacement and training camp at Camp Lee, Virginia. His next transfer made him a member of the Ninety-fifth Division at Camp Sherman, Ohio, and in September, 1917, he was assigned to the Headquarters Troop, Ninety-fifth Division, U. S. A., with which he remained until the end of the war, receiving his discharge June 17, 1919, after spending six months in the Base Hospital at Camp Sherman, Ohio, and having five operations due to an injury received while training. He then returned to the private practice of law and has concentrated his efforts and attention largely upon his professional duties, which have constantly grown in volume and importance. He belongs to the both the Crawford County and Illinois State Bar Associations and enjoys the respect and trust of his colleagues and contemporaries.

Mr. Bradbury is a member of Ernest M. Coulter Post No. 69 of the American Legion, in which he has held all of the offices. He was commander in 1923 and he served for three years as department insurance officer, while since 1919 he has been service officer of Crawford county. In 1923 he was a delegate to the state convention of the Legion and was elected a delegate at large to the national convention which was held in New Orleans. He served on the national convention legislative committee in 1923 and 1924, and at the twenty-third district meeting he was elected a delegate to the national convention at San Francisco. He also served on the national convention legislative committee in 1925 and was elected that year a district delegate to the national convention at St. Paul. He served as judge advocate for Crawford county, has been service officer for the county, also service officer for twenty-third district and state chairman of the committee of the Federation Interallies Des Anciens Combattants. He likewise belongs to the Masonic fraternity and his loyalty to any cause which he espouses is one of his marked characteristics.

LOUIS A. NACK

Among Galena's attorneys who occupy an enviable professional position is numbered Louis A. Nack, who has practiced here since 1924. He was born in this city May 23, 1901, his parents being Joseph M. and Clara (Mosler) Nack. The father was born in Galena, Illinois, July 8, 1865, and the mother is a native of Bellevue, Iowa. Joseph M. Nack has been a practicing attorney of Galena since 1896 and has made continuous and gratifying progress in his chosen calling. As a democrat he has been an effective worker and has served for six years as deputy circuit clerk, occupying the position from 1888 until 1896. He was also a member of the senatorial committee for about twenty-five years.

Louis A. Nack, after attending public and parochial schools of Galena, was graduated from high school with the class of 1918. He prepared for the bar as a student in the law school of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was graduated in 1924. Thus thoroughly qualified by comprehensive preliminary training, he entered upon the work of the profession in the same year and has since practiced in his native city, where step by step he has advanced, being recognized as an able attorney who prepares his cases with thoroughness and care and presents his evidence in clear and forceful manner.

On the 27th of June, 1925, Mr. Nack was united in marriage to Helen Waldron and they are the parents of two daughters, Lenore and Joan. They are communicants of the Catholic Church and Mr. Nack belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Since old enough to take active interest in party work Mr. Nack has been a democrat and was elected precinct committeeman in 1932 and in 1934 was reelected. He has never sought office outside the strict path of his profession but in 1925 was appointed city attorney and has served since, covering a period of nine years, which is indicative of the excellent work he has done in that position.

J. EARLE WILLIAMS

J. Earle Williams, justice of the peace at Springfield, was born near Berryville, Virginia, September 15, 1902. He comes of a family that has long been actively associated with democracy. His grandfather was A. B. Williams, who was a democratic attorney in Washington, D. C., connected with the attorney general's office during the Cleveland administration. Harry Williams, father of J. Earle Williams, was a construction engineer and he, too, was a staunch democrat. He married Emma Everhardt and in 1898 the family removed to Chicago, where they lived for a little more than a year. They came to Springfield in 1905.

J. Earle Williams was at that time a lad of about three years. He received his early educational training in parochial schools and afterward attended the St. Xavier preparatory school at Cincinnati, Ohio, and the Springfield high school. He next entered Loyola University of Chicago, working his way through that institution, and subsequently he became a student in the Lincoln College of Law, receiving his LL. B. degree therefrom in 1926, while in 1927 Loyola conferred upon him his Master's degree. He entered the financial field with the Merchants & Manufacturers Company, with which he remained for a time, and later was with the legal department of the Commercial Credit Trust Company of Chicago. While there he obtained a scholarship that entitled him to an eleven months' course in finance at Cambridge University in England and he also received half salary and all expenses while abroad in 1928 and 1929.

Mr. Williams returned to Springfield in 1930 after a period of brilliant political activity in which he spoke in various campaigns, starting with the Brennan campaign in 1923 and continuing through until he was campaign manager for Bruce Campbell in 1930. On the 8th of May, 1933, he was elected justice of the peace and has very acceptably filled that office, his decisions

being fair and impartial. The work occupies practically his entire time and he has refused to become a candidate for other official positions. He has never ceased his activity in support of the party, however, and is now a director of the Roosevelt-Horner Democratic Organization and a director of the Jefferson Young Men's Club, while of the regular Democratic Club of Sangamon county he is the president.

On the 5th of July, 1932, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Leona Brown, of Springfield, whose parents, Griff and Lois (Shuck) Brown, were formerly of Kentucky and represented old democratic families of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have one daughter, Earleona. Mr. Williams enjoys motor boating and owns a boat which has been named Earleona for his daughter. He likewise finds keen pleasure in a game of golf and his social nature further finds expression in his membership in the University Club of Springfield.

MRS. JULIA SHUGURE

Mrs. Julia Shugure, who has the distinction of having been the organizer of the Clinton County Women's Democratic Club, makes her home in Centralia. A lifelong resident of Illinois, she was born in Murphysboro, January 6, 1874, a daughter of William E. and Mary D. (Riggs) Herring, who were also natives of Jackson county, where their people were among the first settlers. Her father was a stationary engineer and in politics was a staunch and active democrat who always voted the straight ticket. He died in 1894, his wife surviving until 1929.

After acquiring a public school education in Jackson county, Julia Herring remained at home until her marriage in 1892 to P. H. Strawhun, a son of William Strawhun, who was well known in democratic circles in this section of the state, while his grandfather, who lived in Rolla, Missouri, was elected representative to the Missouri legislature. P. H. Strawhun was a mine operator, continuing a prominent representative of industrial activity in Jackson county until his death in 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Strawhun were married in Jackson county but soon afterward removed to Centralia, Marion county. They became parents of three children, of whom two died in infancy. The surviving son, Henry B. Strawhun, was born in Jackson county, where he received his education. He afterward followed railroading until September 17, 1917, when he enlisted in the United States Army and was sent to Camp Zachary Taylor, where he was on duty with the Three Hundred and Twenty-fifth Machine Gun Battalion. Later he was made top sergeant and transferred to the ambulance corps, with which he continued until discharged June 14, 1919. He then returned home and again followed railroading until appointed by Governor Henry Horner as railroad inspector for the Illinois Commerce Commission in 1933. He now occupies offices in the state capitol. In politics he has always been a democrat, giving unwavering allegiance to the party.

Mrs. Shugure's second husband, M. C. Shugure, was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 18, 1868, and for the past thirty-six years has been a conductor on the Illinois Central Railroad. He is of Irish lineage, and, like the majority of people whose ancestors have come from the Emerald Isle, he has always been a staunch democrat.

Mrs. Shugure, too, has long been interested in the principles of democracy and even as far back as 1896 she was active in the campaign work, supporting William Jennings Bryan. Since 1922, when franchise was conferred upon women, she has labored untiringly for the success of her party and its candidates and her efficiency was recognized when in 1930 she was elected precinct committeewoman, in which position she has since served. Many times she has been a delegate to congressional and judicial conventions and in 1932 she was elected a delegate to the national convention in Chicago, to which her son, H. B. Strawhun, was also a delegate from Jackson county. In 1932 she became one of the organizers of the Clinton County Women's Democratic Club and was chosen its



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chairman, in which capacity she has since served, the club being recognized as one of the strongest and most capable democratic women's clubs in the state. She received a letter from Postmaster General Farley commending her for her work and for the thorough efficiency of the club as a whole. During the last two campaigns she has made speaking tours of the county on behalf of the entire ticket and her addresses are always based upon a thorough understanding of political conditions and opportunities. The democratic club of which she is general chairman sent Postmaster General Farley a check to help carry on the campaign in 1932.

Mrs. Shugure has also been unusually active in War Mothers organizations. She belongs to the American War Mothers and is president of Sunshine Chapter No. 30, of Centralia, in which she has filled all of the offices, and likewise various state offices in the organization. She is now a past president of the Illinois Chapters of War Mothers and for nine years she filled the important office of state organizer, while at the present time she is the national chairman of hospitalization. She has every reason to be proud of having been called to this position, which is one of the greatest importance to World war veterans. In 1933, through the efforts of Mrs. Mary E. Spence of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, she was presented with a beautiful American flag by Mrs. Charles Augustus Robinson of Paris, France, who is at the head of this department. The honor came in recognition of the fact that she had been instrumental in securing the largest number of members for her local chapter and for organizing the largest number of new chapters in the state during her term of office. In 1933, on Mothers Day, she represented the national organization of Veterans of Foreign Wars in placing a wreath on the grave of the unknown soldier in Arlington Cemetery. She made the trip to France with Group M of the Gold Star Mothers, sailing from Hoboken, on the George Washington, and landing at Cherbourg. Her visit abroad covered seven weeks. While not a Gold Star mother in the sense of having lost a son on European battlefields, she was given the privilege of making the trip by a friend in recognition of the splendid work she had done for the boys and for Gold Star mothers. She filed and received on three hundred and fifty-seven claims for ex-service men, on one hundred and thirty-two claims for Gold Star mothers, on seven claims for Gold Star fathers, three for widows and one claim for a sister. She was instrumental in finding the burial places of three boys for their mothers, three soldiers having never been heard from after the war, and one was found in England. Mrs. Shugure was also instrumental in obtaining seven hundred and seventy-seven flags for Gold Star mothers from the government. While she was state president she visited every chapter of the organization in Illinois and is today not only widely known in this state but throughout the country by reason of her foreeful activities in this field. She has membership in the United States Flag Association, has been invested with the title of Daughter of the Flag and elected to life membership as the result of securing three living flags. She was made a life member and is a trustee of the War Mothers Memorial House in Aurora, Colorado, and the trusteeship will continue during her lifetime. She belongs to the American Legion Auxiliary, the ladies' auxiliary of United Trainmen, Ben Hur Lodge and Rebekah Lodge, the ladies' auxiliary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with which she has been associated for forty-two years. She is a director of the Salvation Army of Illinois and of the United Charities of Illinois, and her interest in community affairs is also shown in her membership in the Centralia Chamber of Commerce. Her entire life has been actuated by a spirit of helpfulness that has reached out along many lines in a constantly broadening sphere of usefulness.

HAROLD A. STONE

Harold A. Stone, of Woodstock, is now serving as a maintenance patrolman, having been appointed to highway service on the 4th of May, 1934. Woodstock claims him as a native son, his birth having here occurred March 18, 1911, his

parents being Lynn A. and Lucille (Hurley) Stone. The father is still living, but the mother passed away March 4, 1929.

In the acquirement of an education Harold A. Stone attended St. Marie's parochial school of Woodstock and later the high school of this city, from which he was graduated in 1929. In the fall of 1930 he entered the University of Notre Dame, where he remained a student for two years. He is a member of the Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Stone was active in the democratic campaign of 1932 and was elected precinct committeeman in April, 1934. On the 4th of May following he was appointed highway maintenance patrolman and is now serving in this position. He is chairman of the McHenry County Democratic Young Peoples Organization and he is one of the leaders among the younger democrats of his section of the state. His belief in the party will continue him as an active party worker and he will probably be heard from in larger measure in the future.

HUGH J. GORMAN

Hugh J. Gorman, postmaster at Peotone, was born in Will township, Will county, Illinois, March 4, 1900, a son of Edward W. and Anna J. Gorman, who are now residents of Kankakee county, Illinois. The father became an active democrat and still gives unfaltering support to the party. Thirty years ago he served Will township as assessor and he was for years township supervisor, making a creditable record in office by the prompt and faithful discharge of the duties that devolved upon him.

Hugh J. Gorman acquired his education in the local schools and in 1919 he took up the occupation of farming on his own account, following it continuously until 1926, when he turned his attention to the business of general auctioneering, in which he engaged until February 1, 1934, when he became acting postmaster at Peotone. He has since been commissioned and is now the incumbent in the office for a four-year period. He had previously filled other positions of public trust, having been assessor of Peotone township for six years, while for a time he served as deputy county sheriff for his district. For eight years he was precinct committeeman and was a delegate to the 1932 state convention of the democratic party in Springfield. No one has ever had occasion to question his political position. He fearlessly and courageously defends the principles in which he believes and democracy has no more loyal supporter in Will county.

On the 26th of January, 1921, Mr. Gorman was united in marriage to Miss Grace Gertrude McGowan and to them have been born five children, as follows: Hugh Joseph, who died in infancy; Patrick; Dennis Jerome; John Al Edward, who was named for Alfred E. Smith; and Hugh James. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and they are communicants of St. Joseph's parish. Mr. Gorman also belongs to the Knights of Columbus. From his infancy to the present time he has resided in Will county, where he has a wide acquaintance, and by reason of the sterling traits of his character he has always enjoyed the goodwill and friendship of those with whom he has been associated.

FREDERIC V. PACQUER

Frederic V. Pacquer, highway maintenance patrolman and a resident of Atkinson, Illinois, was born in Atkinson township, Henry county, May 22, 1905. His parents, Peter and Clementia (Steyaart) Pacquer, were natives of Holland, in which country they were reared and married. Soon afterward they sought the opportunities of the new world and established their home in Illinois. The mother has now passed away. The father passed away July 26, 1934. He had been in the employ of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad for thirty-seven years. In politics he was always an active democrat.

Frederic V. Pacquer spent his youthful days under the parental roof and

attended the public schools of Atkinson, where later he also pursued a business course. He then went to work for H. A. Reschke, a construction contractor of Geneseo, in whose employ he remained until he became highway maintenance patrolman on the 6th of February, 1933. He has since occupied this position and in office has manifested the same spirit of faithfulness to duty that characterized his work along building lines.

On the 14th of October, 1931, Mr. Pacquer was married to Miss Florence Eeckhout, of Atkinson, and they have one son, David John. The parents attend St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Mr. Pacquer has always voted with the democratic party and is an active worker in support of its principles, laboring consistently for the success of its candidates for office.

JOHN J. WELLNITZ

John J. Wellnitz, master in chancery at Joliet and a member of the bar of this city since 1899, was born in LaSalle, Illinois, May 25, 1878, a son of Anthony and Mary Wellnitz. The father, who was an ardent democrat, died in April, 1933, while the mother is still living.

After completing his public school education by a course in the LaSalle high school John J. Wellnitz took up the study of law in the office and under the preceptorship of M. T. Maloney of Ottawa, where he was admitted to the bar in 1898. The following year he came to Joliet, his parents having previously removed to this city, and has practiced here since, making steady progress in a profession where advancement is proverbially slow but wherein he has displayed those qualities which make for success at the bar. In 1909 he was chosen city attorney and filled the office until 1911. He had previously been assistant city attorney from 1903 until 1905 and thus brought to the duties of his position wide and valuable experience in that field. He is also a member of the public library board of Joliet, having served in this capacity for twelve years. On the 1st of July, 1933, he became master in chancery and is now occupying the office. He has always been an active democrat since he became a voter and for many years acted as precinct committeeman, continuing in the office until 1932. In fact he had been in the position for twenty-six years—a record that has seldom been equalled in Will county. Many times he has been a delegate to state conventions and he is well known to party leaders throughout Illinois.

In 1908 Mr. Wellnitz was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Stephens and to them was born a daughter, Marian Rita, who is now a student in the School of Speech of Northwestern University at Evanston. Mr. Wellnitz belongs to the Catholic Church and is a member of several fraternal orders. His interest, however, centers upon his profession and the offices which he has filled have been in direct line therewith. In his practice he has always been actuated by a laudable ambition that has made him a thorough student and has brought to him substantial success in his chosen life work.

WILLIAM A. MORRISSEY

Among La Salle county's supporters of democracy is numbered William A. Morrissey, of Utica, where he is a well known business man, engaged in the oil and gas trade. La Salle county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Farm Ridge township, August 11, 1872, his parents being William and Mary (Barrett) Morrissey, both of whom are now deceased. The father always voted with the democratic party throughout his entire life and never missed an election.

William A. Morrissey was educated in the public schools of Grundy county and became a farmer, following that occupation until thirty-three years of age. He then turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, establishing a meat market, and for twenty years was engaged in the meat trade in Seneca and in Utica. Eight years ago he established a wholesale and retail oil and gas business in Utica and has since carried this on, meeting success by reason of his enterprise, diligence and intelligently directed efforts.

In 1897 Mr. Morrissey was united in marriage to Miss Ida White, of La Salle, Illinois, and to them have been born six children, namely: Mrs. Mildred Thosgate; William, who is engaged in the meat business in Utica; Joseph, who is postmaster of Utica; Mrs. Mabel Cullen; Catherine, a resident of Chicago; and Margaretta, who died in 1916. Mr. Morrissey and his family attend the Catholic Church and he belongs also to the Knights of Columbus. Politically he has always been a democrat and has served as precinct committeeman for many years. He has also been a trustee of Utica for eight years and has made an excellent record as a public official.

WILLIAM J. MILLER

William J. Miller, now living retired in Belleville, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves, was born October 30, 1850, on the Turkey Hill farm, which was the first farm settled by a white man in St. Clair county. His father, Michael Miller, was a native of France and arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1827. Both the paternal and maternal grandfathers of William J. Miller were soldiers under Napoleon. The latter was the father of Christina Karlstine, who was also born in France and who in the United States became the wife of Michael Miller. In fact their marriage was celebrated in St. Clair county, where Mr. Miller had entered land and where for many years he followed the occupation of farming.

William J. Miller was reared on the old homestead and attended the district schools of St. Clair county, while during vacation periods he early became familiar with the work of the fields, learning the best methods of tilling the soil and cultivating the crops. The farm on which he lived was settled in 1797 and was composed of four Revolutionary war claims of one hundred acres each. Mr. Miller's father purchased the property in 1848 and it is still in possession of the family. The work of the farm did not, however, entirely monopolize the attention of William J. Miller, for he had the opportunity of continuing his education in the Christian Brothers College of St. Louis and in McKendree College at Lebanon, Illinois. Returning to the old home farm, he joined his father in its further cultivation and improvement, this business association being maintained until the father's death in 1883.

Seven years before, or in 1876, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Virginia M. Terrell, who was reared on a nearby farm. They lived on the old homestead until 1917, when Mr. Miller retired from active farm work and they established their home in Belleville. While on the farm he had largely engaged in breeding live stock and directly imported both horses and cattle, which he owned and used for breeding purposes. He had one hundred and fifty acres planted to blue grass, which gave him excellent pasturage. He specialized in shorthorn cattle, Pereheron horses and Berkshire hogs and kept very fine stock. In fact he bred stock that found ready sale on the market at high prices. On one occasion he was paid five thousand dollars for four Pereheron fillies and he owned stallions worth up to three thousand dollars each. His father was a very progressive farmer and William J. Miller inherited the property in early life, fertilized his ground and made it extremely productive. In fact it is one of the finest farms in St. Clair county. Mr. Miller is the only living charter member of the Turkey Hill Grange, which was established in 1874 and of which his wife, who died October 1, 1932, was also a charter member. He was one of the organizers of the Belleville Cooperative Grain Elevator Company, of which he has since been the president, and he helped organize the Farm Bureau in St. Clair county and was on the first Farm Bureau board.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller had three children: William T., Mrs. Cora Simon, who has two sons, William J. Simon, who is a graduate of the University of Illinois, and Robert M. Simon; and Don, who lost his life in the burning of the Turkey Hill Grange Hall on January 28, 1904, on which occasion he was starting a fire and the stove exploded.



WILLIAM J. MILLER

In politics Mr. Miller has always been a democrat and he has served as president of the Richland Creek Drainage District, which was organized in 1911. For many years he has served on the drainage commission and is still acting in that capacity. It was he who secured the first rural mail route in St. Clair county, promoting the project through the circulation of a petition to which he gained many signers. He was one of five men appointed by Governor Horner and elected chairman of the St. Clair county farm debt adjustment committee and is now acting in that capacity. He is greatly interested in the welfare and development of city, county and state and his aid and cooperation can always be counted upon to further any project for the public good. He is one of those men who have been working to have the names of candidates for the board of supervisors on the ballot this coming election.

Mr. Miller has been instrumental in promoting the interests of the Boy Scouts and his cooperation can be counted upon to further any project for the benefit of the youth of the community.

LUKE L. WATSON

Luke L. Watson, collector of special tax assessments in Peoria, was appointed to this position in 1933 by Mayor O'Brien and has rendered efficient service since that time. This indicates his adherence to democratic principles and his work for the party.

Mr. Watson was born in Bloomington, Illinois, March 1, 1879, a son of Luke and Catherine (Sheehan) Watson. The latter was born in Lexington, Illinois, and her family were pioneers of McLean county. Her father, Thomas Sheehan, was a Civil war veteran, serving with Illinois troops. Luke Watson, Sr. was a native of County Mayo, Ireland, and became well known as a contractor of Bloomington. To him and his wife were born ten children, those living being as follows: John; Roland B., who served in the World war; T. Vincent, a practicing dentist of Bloomington; Luke L., of this review; and Margaret.

St. Mary's school of Bloomington accorded Luke L. Watson his educational opportunities and when his school days were over he became a salesman for the United States Steel Corporation. Later he was associated with his father in the contracting business in Bloomington and afterward established a similar business in Peoria, becoming a partner in the firm known as the Klein-Watson Company. Here he was actively associated with industrial interests for a number of years and built up a business of gratifying proportions.

In early manhood Mr. Watson was united in marriage to Margery Mary Finnan, a daughter of Paul and Margaret (McHale) Finnan, of Bloomington, Illinois. Paul Finnan long figured prominently in the public life of his community as a supporter of the democratic party, serving as alderman of Bloomington and also as representative from his district to the state legislature. Mr. and Mrs. Watson are the parents of three children: Margaret Mary, the wife of Dr. Philip McGrath; William Robert, a student at the University of Illinois; and Eloï, who is attending high school.

Mr. Watson belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Rotary Club and the Mount Holly Club. Always voting the democratic ticket, he has thus expressed his political preference, and an acknowledgement of his party loyalty came to him when in May, 1933, Mayor O'Brien appointed him special tax assessment collector.

WILLIAM C. MANNING

William C. Manning, deputy collector of internal revenue and secretary of the democratic county central committee of Peoria county, was born in the city of Peoria, March 25, 1905. His parents were Charles R. and Cassie (Wahnsley) Manning, both representatives of old families of Peoria. The father, who has passed away, was well known in democratic circles and occupied the position of revenue agent in this city. To him and his wife were born three sons: William C., James J. and Edward.

William C. Manning was educated in the Peoria schools and in early manhood served for a number of years as a railroad clerk. He was chosen secretary of the democratic committee of Peoria county on the 20th of April, 1934, and in the same year was appointed deputy collector of internal revenue. He had previously done active political work as secretary of the county committee and also as president of the Illinois State Jeffersonians. He has worked along practical lines that have been productive of good results and is well known in democratic circles in central Illinois. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and attends St. Mary's Cathedral.

Mr. Manning was united in marriage to Miss Irma De Bold, who was born in Peoria, a daughter of William De Bold. They have spent their entire lives in this city, where they are now well known and where they have many friends.

W. S. BINNS

W. S. Binns, of Pittsfield, who is appraiser of the drainage, levee and irrigation division of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, has always made his home in Pike county, where he was born February 10, 1865. His father, Edward F. Binns, was born in Pike county, Illinois, in 1840 and died in 1895. He had been a loyal supporter of the democratic party during his active years and in 1877 was elected county clerk of Pike county, in which position he served for a five years' term, removing to Pittsfield at that time. For nine years he filled the office of chairman of the board of supervisors in Pike county, and he was chairman of the democratic county central committee during the same period. He was then made a member of the democratic state central committee and served on the state executive committee, spending most of his time at the headquarters of the state committee during the campaign that resulted in the election of Grover Cleveland to the presidency and of John P. Altgeld as governor. He cooperated effectively in all plans to win success for his party and became a recognized democratic leader in the state. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and also belonged to the Christian Church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Orpha Norton, was born in Vermilion county, Illinois.

Their son, W. S. Binns, attended the public schools of Pike county, Illinois, and Callahan College of Des Moines, Iowa. Like his father, he has long been prominent in democratic circles and has held various appointive and elective positions. He was deputy county clerk of Pike county for twelve years and was then elected county clerk, serving from 1906 until 1918. For a decade he was democratic precinct committeeman and for thirty years he has acted as a delegate to all the state conventions and was chairman of the Pike county delegation during the last election. Four times he was a delegate to the supreme court convention, attending the last convention at Vandalia, where he also acted as delegation chairman. He held membership in the State Association of County Clerks, County Commissioners and County Supervisors for twelve years and nine years was its treasurer and a member of its executive committee. He likewise served on its legislative committee for eleven years and when he voluntarily retired was unanimously elected a life member, a distinction that has been accorded to only three people. He was also elected secretary of the Pike county hard roads commission and his cooperation can at all times be counted upon to further any project that looks to the benefit of the community along progressive lines. He was three times manager of Judge Higbee's campaign when Mr. Higbee was candidate for the office of circuit judge and on each occasion was elected. He managed the campaign in Pike and Calhoun counties for Justice William Farmer, the only time he ever had serious opposition.

In October, 1933, Mr. Binns was appointed appraiser of the drainage, levee and irrigation division of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation—an appointment that recognized his faithful and resultant efforts in behalf of party successes. His labors have been equally effective in behalf of other projects for the general good. Since 1914 he has been secretary and a director of the Louisiana

& Pike County Railroad Company, a municipally owned corporation, and he is a director of the Missouri-Illinois Bridge Company, which built what is known as the Champ Clark Memorial Bridge.

On the 18th of February, 1885, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Binns and Miss May Crisswell, a daughter of James and Hepsie (Reed) Crisswell. They became parents of six children: Florence, the wife of L. W. Robinson, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; John C., a resident of Hannibal, Missouri; C. E., living in Richmond, Missouri; Marjorie, who is the wife of Porter Wheeler, of Rock Island, Illinois; George R., a resident of Pittsfield, Illinois; and Virg Grimes, who married Berton Clarahan and lives in New York city. Mrs. Binns passed away August 24, 1929, and on the 27th of September, 1930, Mr. Binns married Mrs. Bess (Long) Dutton. He is a Mason, with membership in the lodge and chapter, and faithfully follows the teachings and purposes of the craft. He is actuated in all that he does by a spirit of progress and improvement and his enterprise has been of a character that has contributed to the public welfare as well as to individual success.

ANDREW E. SHERIDAN

Andrew E. Sheridan, who is cashier of the Thomson State Bank in Thomson, Carroll county, Illinois, has been a very prominent and sincere worker for the democratic party in this section for many years, having served on various committees most of the time during the last two decades. At this writing he is chairman of the naturalization committee for Carroll county and is in many other ways proving a public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Sheridan was born in Thomson, Illinois, February 12, 1881, and is a son of Patrick and Mary (Flannigan) Sheridan, both of whom were born in Ireland. Patrick Sheridan, whose birth year was 1839 and who died in 1907, came to the United States about 1860. He first located in Scranton, Pennsylvania and approximately five years later came to Carroll county, Illinois. With the exception of a few years residence in Waterloo, Iowa, he remained here for the rest of his life. He was a farmer, and active in local democratic circles.

Andrew E. Sheridan attended the rural schools of York township and also high school in Thomson. As a young man he learned telegraphy and for five years was an operator for the Burlington Railroad. Then, for about eight years, he conducted a barber shop and general store. In 1918 he entered the employ of the Thomson State Bank, and subsequently was appointed to his present responsible position as cashier.

Mr. Sheridan was married April 11, 1910, to Miss Jennie Connell, and to them has been born a daughter, Mary J., who is now acting postmaster of Thomson. She graduated from the Thomson high school in 1931, then studied for three years at the Northern Illinois State Teachers College in DeKalb and was appointed postmaster March 19, 1934. The Sheridan family is of the Roman Catholic faith, and holds a most enviable social position in Carroll county. Andrew E. Sheridan has paid close attention to civic matters and has always given his efforts to help the community. He served as village clerk, village treasurer and member of the board of trustees of Thomson over a period of many years. He is now serving as precinct committeeman, being elected in 1932 and 1934. For several years previously he also served as precinct committeeman. He was at one time the party nominee for county clerk.

AMBROSE S. GALVIN

Ambrose S. Galvin, now residing at 325 First street, Crystal Lake, and serving as a member of the state police, was born in Harvard, Illinois, March 25, 1904. His father, Frank Galvin, is also a native of McHenry county, as is the mother, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Sheahan. They still reside

in Harvard, and throughout his entire life Mr. Galvin has been a staunch supporter of the democratic party.

Ambrose S. Galvin mastered the early branches of learning in the public and parochial schools of Harvard and afterward spent two years as a pupil in the high school of his native city. He has been an active worker in democratic circles since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and on the 10th of March, 1933, he was appointed a member of the highway maintenance police, in which capacity he has since served, being regarded as most faithful to the duties of his position.

On the 16th of September, 1933, Mr. Galvin was united in marriage to Frances Marie Walter. They attend the Catholic Church and Mr. Galvin is also a member of the Knights of Columbus. They reside at Crystal Lake, where they are well known, and Mr. Galvin is a progressive citizen, giving his support to all measures which he deems of vital importance to the community.

RICHARD FULKERSON TAYLOR

Richard Fulkerson Taylor has been engaged in the practice of law at Elizabethtown, the county seat of Hardin county, for more than fifty years. His life record also contains an interesting chapter concerning his service as captain of Company D of the Ninth Illinois Infantry during the Spanish-American war. He is now a master in chancery for Hardin county, is city judge and has been a well known figure at the state conventions of the democratic party for many years.

Captain Taylor was born in Pope county, Illinois, May 5, 1855, and is a grandson of Aaron and Mary (Lee) Taylor, who were natives of Virginia, the latter having been a granddaughter of "Lighthorse Harry" Lee, member of the distinguished Lee family, which he represented as a gallant soldier and officer in the war of the Revolution. James Pinkney Taylor, father of Captain Taylor, was born in Virginia and became a resident of Galesburg, Illinois, when twelve years of age. He early taught school and in young manhood he entered land from the government and cleared and developed a farm. He was a stalwart supporter of Stephen A. Douglas, having great admiration for the "Little Giant" and his statesmanship. He served as a sergeant in the Union Army during the Civil war and his religious faith was that of the Primitive Baptist Church, in which he remained a deacon until his death.

Richard Fulkerson Taylor was reared on the home farm, received the advantages of the public schools, attended college and became a successful teacher. He acted as superintendent of the graded schools of Elizabethtown and while thus engaged began the study of law. In 1883 he was graduated from the law department of Illinois Wesleyan University, his admission to the bar having occurred the preceding year. He has since continued in the active general practice of his profession in southern Illinois and is one of the veteran and honored members of the bar of Hardin county. He served as state's attorney of the county through the period from 1892 to 1896 and then gave his attention to private practice until June, 1898, when he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war, being commissioned a captain of Company D, Ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. With his command he was in active service in Cuba for five months and received his honorable discharge at Augusta, Georgia, after which he resumed the practice of law in Elizabethtown, Illinois. In 1914 he was elected representative from the forty-eighth district to the state legislature. He is now serving as city judge and for several terms has served as master in chancery. He is a stalwart supporter of the principles of the democratic party, and in addition to the offices which he has filled that are more strictly in the line of his profession, he has served on the board of education and as mayor of Elizabethtown for several terms.

In 1884 Captain Taylor was married to Miss Mollie Ledbetter, a daughter



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of the late J. Nelson and Rebecca Ledbetter, who were well known and representative residents of Elizabethtown. Captain and Mrs. Taylor had a daughter Rebecca Eunice, who was graduated from the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale and the University of Chicago and for several years has been a successful teacher in the schools of Paducah, Kentucky. Their son, Richard Fowler Taylor, a graduate of the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale, and a graduate of the Princeton, (N. J.) School of Aviation, was trained in aviation in Texas at Kelly Field and became a first lieutenant in the World war. Following the close of hostilities he remained in service, was commissioned a major and placed in command of the Thirty-eighth Division, located at Indianapolis, Indiana. He was killed in a plane crash at Clinton, Indiana, September 9, 1932. Benjamin Herrin Taylor, the younger son, attended high school at Delaware, Ohio, and the Missouri Military Academy at Mexico, Missouri, and he is now successfully farming and raising Hereford cattle on his ranch. He is chairman of the democratic central committee of Hardin county and is making a strong fight for the whole democratic ticket. He is also sales tax investigator for his district, which comprises four counties.

Captain Taylor lost his wife on the 17th of February, 1915. She was a highly educated lady, an accomplished musician and was very popular among her acquaintances, so that her loss was deeply felt among those who knew her as well as by her immediate family. Captain Taylor continues to make his home in Elizabethtown, where he is active in Masonic circles, having several times represented his lodge in the grand lodge. He is also a past commander of Post 92 of the United Spanish-American Veterans. Looking back over the past half century, it will be seen that his has been a very active, useful and honorable life, characterized by devotion to duty in every field in which he has labored while his efforts have resulted in benefit to his community along many lines.

MRS. ANNA E. SULLIVAN

Mrs. Anna E. Sullivan, whose appointment to the office of postmaster of Grand Tower was made on the 15th of December, 1933, was born in Murphysboro, Jackson county, Illinois, December 15, 1889, her parents being Fred and Matilda (Schmidt) Munz. The father removed from Murphysboro to Grand Tower and became prominent and influential in the community, being elected in 1901 to the office of mayor, in which he was continued by re-election for three terms.

Anna E. Munz obtained her education in the schools of Grand Tower and in St. Vincent's Academy at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where she pursued a four years' course, being graduated with the class of 1907. On the 17th of September, 1908, in Kansas City, Missouri, she became the wife of T. John Sullivan and they have a daughter, Mary Elyn. Mrs. Sullivan attends the Catholic Church and she votes with the democratic party, which she has supported since receiving the right of franchise. She was appointed to her present position as postmaster of Grand Tower on December 15, 1933, and is capably administering the office, being prompt and systematic in the discharge of all of her duties. She is also well known socially throughout the community in which she has made her home since girlhood days.

DEL TORRI

Among those who aid in making the public highways safe and who are loyal to the public service is numbered Del Torri, who was born in Ladd, Illinois, December 11, 1901, and still makes his home here. His parents were Dominic and Louisa Torri, both of whom were natives of Italy but came to the United States and settled at Ladd about thirty or forty years ago. The father, who was a coal miner, is now deceased, but the mother survives and still resides in Ladd.

In the requirement of an education Del Torri attended the public schools of his native town. After his textbooks were put aside he found employment in the

glass works and in the mines, spending his time at these labors until the 1st of February, 1933, when he became highway patrolman, in which capacity he has since served.

In 1923 Mr. Torri was united in marriage to Miss Mary Sabatini, who was born and reared in Ladd, Illinois, her parents being Egidio and Rose Sabatini, natives of Italy, who settled in Ladd about thirty-five years ago. Mr. Sabatini followed coal mining for many years and is still a resident of Ladd, but his wife has passed away. Mr and Mrs. Torri are the parents of two sons, Ralph Daniel and Francis Arthur. The family attends St. Benedict's Catholic Church and Mr. Torri belongs also to the Holy Name Society. He has always been a democrat and has been an active worker in the party organization. His entire life has been passed in this locality, where he has a wide acquaintance and a circle of friends that is almost co-extensive therewith.

A. AUSTIN LEWIS

On the 5th of December, 1932, A. Austin Lewis, of Granite City, was appointed assistant state's attorney under M. Lester Geers of Edwardsville and is now faithfully discharging the duties of the office, for which he is well qualified by reason of his broad experience as a member of the bar. Mr. Lewis was born in Madison, Illinois, August 22, 1905, a son of Alfred B. and Ola (Bramhall) Lewis, both of whom were natives of Missouri. The father, who was a railroad employe, died September 2, 1932.

A. Austin Lewis attended the public schools of Madison and of Venice, graduating from the high school of the latter city. He next entered Washington University of St. Louis, Missouri, where he enrolled for the pre-legal course and then took the regular law course, receiving his LL. B. degree in 1928. In November of that year he passed the required examination and at once began practice in Granite City, Illinois. Here he has since followed his profession, making steady progress, and it was a logical step to his appointment to the office of assistant state's attorney in December, 1932. He also served as president of the board of education of Venice for four years. He was delegate to the democratic state conventions of 1932 and 1934 and to the judicial convention at Vandalia which led to the nomination of Norman L. Jones. He was active in the Young Men's Democratic Club of Venice, which he aided in organizing, serving as its first chairman, and he took helpful part in advancing the work of that organization throughout the 1932 campaign.

On the 20th of September, 1930, Mr. Lewis was married to Kathleen Wood, of Selvin, Indiana. He belongs to the Gamma Eta Gamma, a legal fraternity, and for five years he has been the secretary of the Tri-City Bar Association, while he also has membership in the Madison County and Illinois State Bar Associations. Fraternally he is a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and he has membership in the First Presbyterian Church of Granite City. His associations and interests are such as give evidence of his life principles and he is a highly esteemed resident of Madison county.

JAMES REED

On the 1st of November, 1933, James Reed was assigned to duty in the highway laboratory at La Salle and has since acted in this capacity. He had previously been appointed economic investigator for the department of mines and minerals of the state, his appointment coming in recognition of his personal qualities and of his loyalty as a supporter of the democratic party. He was born in La Salle on the 11th of November, 1874, and is a son of Mark and Margaret Reed. He has followed in the political footsteps of his father, who was always an active supporter of democracy. Both parents are now deceased.

James Reed was educated in the schools of La Salle and after his text-

books were put aside he became a coal miner and was advanced to the position of foreman, in which responsible capacity he served for sixteen years. He afterward worked for sixteen months in the Granville mine and on the 1st of June, 1933, was appointed economic investigator for the department of mines and minerals, a position for which he was well fitted by reason of his previous broad and practical experience in all phases of mine work. It was at his own request that on the 1st of November, 1933, he was transferred to the highway laboratory in La Salle. He has always been a party worker and for twenty-two years he has served as alderman of La Salle—a notable record not only by reason of its long continuance but also by reason of the effectiveness of his service on behalf of municipal government. He has always been actuated by high ideals in relation to the public welfare and he has exercised the prerogatives of his office for the public good. For six or eight years he has been precinct committeeman of the second precinct of La Salle.

In 1895 Mr. Reed was married to Miss Mary Daily, who was reared in Braidwood, Illinois. Their children are: Mrs. Margaret Rapp, of Princeton, Illinois; Mrs. Rose Mary O'Conner, of Ottawa; and Mark, Edward and Dorothy, who are at home. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church.

CHANCY D. BERRY

Chaney D. Berry, who is an active supporter of the democratic party but not an office holder, as his ambition has directed his activities into other fields, now makes his home in Litchfield, where he is engaged in the insurance business. He was born in Taylorville, Christian county, Illinois, June 24, 1877, and is a son of John C. and Jennie (Killey) Berry, who were natives of Kentucky and Tennessee, respectively. The mother came to Illinois with her parents about 1871, the Killey family settling in Greene county, whence they afterward removed to Christian county, where Mr. Killey engaged in farming throughout his remaining days. John C. Berry, the father of our subject, settled in Christian county in 1866 and there engaged in the occupation of painting until his death, which occurred in 1927. For about sixteen years he had survived his wife, who died in 1911. Their family numbered six children, the eldest being Josephine, who was born in 1871 and is now living in Taylorville, Illinois. Myrtle, born in 1874, became the wife of John M. Nelson and passed away after their removal to Tampa, Florida, where Mr. Nelson died in 1933, leaving three children, John, Helen and Nora. Chaney D., of this review, was the third in order of birth in the family of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Berry. The others being Frank, a painter of California; Carl, a painter of Springfield, and Gertrude, deceased.

Chaney D. Berry attended the public schools of Taylorville, Illinois, and since 1900 has made his home in Litchfield, where he established an insurance agency. The business has continually grown in volume and importance, and he is well known in this field, his enterprise and determination carrying him steadily forward to success. He was married to Miss Stella Pierce, a daughter of G. F. and Dora (Ware) Pierce. The father was a lifelong resident of Montgomery county and for many years engaged in the live stock business but finally retired, enjoying a period of well earned rest until his death in 1929. To Mr. and Mrs. Pierce were born three sons and five daughters. Essie, who passed away in 1925, was the wife of John Rise, a coal miner of Mount Olive, Illinois. Grace married Robert Brawley and died about 1926. Earl, who married but lost his wife, now makes his home at East St. Louis, where he is engaged in the grocery business. Harry married Bessie Gray and they have three children: Grace, Mildred and Virginia. Hazel, who is married and lives in Texas. Fred has been married twice.

To Mr. and Mrs. Berry have been born three children. The eldest, Chaney F., married Helen Wilson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wilson, and there is one child, Rex Kimball. Jennie Dora Berry became the wife of John

Macrewski who is connected with the Standard Oil Company at Litchfield. John F., the youngest, is a graduate of the high school. The three children are graduates of the Litchfield Community High School.

Mr. Berry belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Loyal Order of Moose and he and his family attend the Christian Science Church. He turns to fishing for recreation but finds his greatest pleasure in the companionship of his wife and children. Politically he is a democrat and comes of a family that in both the paternal and maternal lines has supported the party through several generations. He has held the office of town clerk for about ten years and for four years was precinct committeeman. He was also a delegate to the judicial convention in 1933 and he works consistently and effectively to promote party successes.

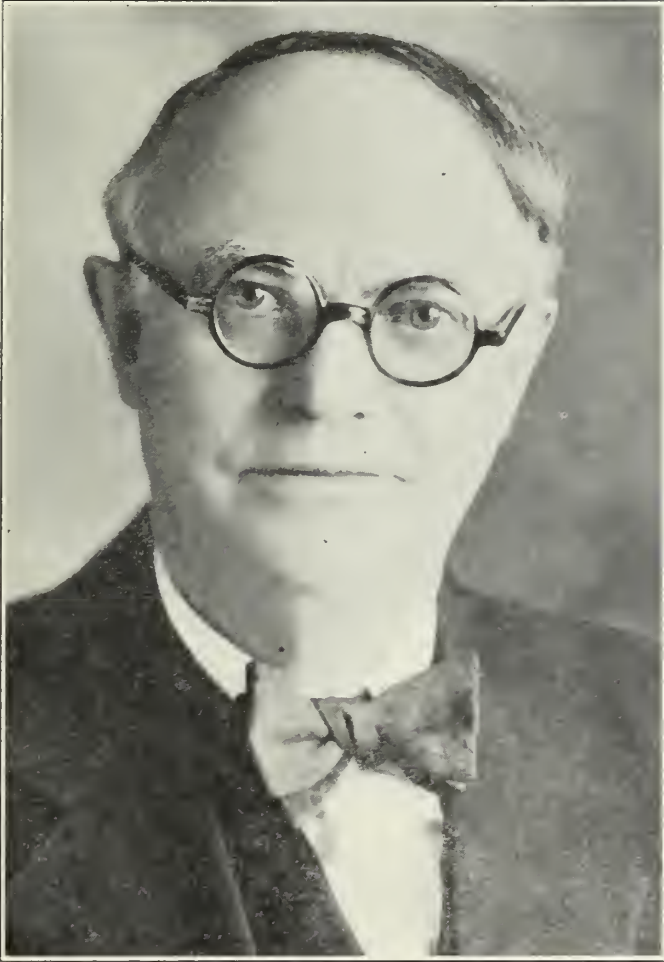
ALBERT E. ISLEY

Albert E. Isley, county judge of Jasper county, was elected to the bench in 1930 and has made a most creditable record through the fair and impartial decisions which he has rendered and which have ever been based upon a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the law. Judge Isley was born in Jasper county, Illinois, January 18, 1871, and is a son of E. F. and Vandalana (Apple) Isley, who were natives of Shelby county, Indiana, and came to Jasper county in 1867. The father devoted his attention to farming and school teaching for many years and is still living at the advanced age of ninety-five. He has always been a staunch democrat, believing firmly in the principles of the party, and for several years he served as supervisor of his township. His wife passed away January 24, 1928.

After attending the rural schools near his home, Albert E. Isley enrolled as a student in the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, where he qualified for the bar, winning his LL. B. degree at his graduation in 1896. He has practiced continuously in Jasper county since 1900 with the exception of four years which he spent as a trial lawyer in Peoria and Chicago, Illinois, and the years from 1926 to 1929 when he was attorney for the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, D. C. The political offices he filled up to the time when he went upon the bench were in the direct path of his profession. In 1904 he became state's attorney of Jasper county, filling the office until 1908. In the latter year he was chosen one of the lawmakers of Illinois, being elected to the state senate for a four-year term, so that his incumbency in the office continued until 1912. During the succeeding two years he was chief assistant to the secretary of state. It was also in 1912 that he was the unsuccessful candidate for the office of attorney general and later he was tendered the nomination of attorney general by the Bull Moose party but declined. He has always been very active in democratic politics, working consistently for the success of the party, and since 1900 he has attended all of the state, congressional and judicial conventions. In 1904 he attended the democratic national convention held in St. Louis and he has campaigned for the entire ticket many times throughout the state. In 1930 he became the nominee of his party for county judge and received the endorsement of the public at the polls. He has since occupied the bench and his record places him among the foremost representatives of judicial service in his part of the state. He also is president of the Jasper County National Building and Loan Association.

In 1903 Mr. Isley was married to Miss Grace M. Sullender, a native of Indiana, and they have become parents of a son and a daughter: Leslie L., who is attending the John Marshall Law School of Chicago; and Marilyn, who is a student in the University of Illinois at Urbana.

Judge Isley belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Modern Woodmen of America and is keenly interested in the welfare of his community, as shown in his connection with the Civic Club and the Rotary Club, of which he is the



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president. He belongs also to the Illinois State and National Bar Associations, and his worth as a man, as a citizen and as a representative of the Illinois judiciary is widely acknowledged.

FRANK C. NONNEMAN

Frank C. Nonneman, foreman of the International Shoe Company of Springfield, who concentrates his attention almost entirely upon business affairs and political activity, was born in the capital city July 17, 1894, his parents being William and Helen (Thummel) Nonneman. The father's birth occurred in the family home at the corner of Seventh and Jackson streets in Springfield, and he became a molder. His wife was born in Germany. August Nonneman, the paternal grandfather of Frank C. Nonneman, was a close personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, who often visited at the Nonneman home, and on the occasion of the first birthday anniversary of August Nonneman, Jr., Lincoln gave him a penny bearing the date 1863, his natal year, which is still in his possession. On the death of August Nonneman, Jr., this coin will become the property of his grandnephew, Robert Nonneman, son of our subject.

During his youthful days Frank C. Nonneman was a pupil in the Saints Peter and Paul parochial school of Springfield and when fifteen years of age he went to work in the factory of the International Shoe Company. There his industry and energy have gained him advancement and step by step he has worked his way upward until his promotions have brought him to the important position of foreman. Mr. Nonneman was the first of his family to take a very active part in politics and from 1922 until 1928 he served as judge of election when there were only sixteen democratic voters in his precinct. He occupied the position of precinct committeeman from 1928 until 1934 and he is a member of the Roosevelt-Horner Democratic Organization of Sangamon county and also of the Jefferson Young Men's Club.

On the 14th of February, 1917, Mr. Nonneman was married to Miss Agnes Murphy, of Pawnee, Illinois, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murphy, who are now residents of Springfield and who are supporters of the democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Nonneman have two children: Robert, sixteen years of age; and Lorraine, nine. The parents are communicants of the Catholic Church, identified with the Saints Peter and Paul parish, in which Mr. Nonneman has lived throughout his entire life. He is also affiliated with the Knights of Columbus of Springfield. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in a business way and he has no hobbies outside of business and politics.

CHARLES L. ROWLEY

Illinois on the whole has been fortunate in the class of men who have occupied her public offices, and there are now many gathered under the democratic banner who are proving most efficient in the discharge of their duties. In this class is numbered Charles L. Rowley, who, with offices in the city hall at Kewanee, is filling the position of clerk of the city court. He was born in Canton, Illinois, 1850, and is a son of James Bloomfield and Rachel (Hamilton) Rowley, who spent the greater part of their lives in Canton, settling in that city on removing from New Jersey to Illinois in 1847. The father was a carriage finisher and worked at his trade for many years. In politics he was an active democrat.

After acquiring a public school education in Canton, Charles L. Rowley began learning the cigar maker's trade, which he followed in his native city until October, 1873, when he removed to Kewanee. Here he again engaged in cigar manufacturing on his own account for a time but subsequently established a restaurant. Later he conducted a hotel and for a time engaged in bookkeeping. For a quarter of a century, however, he has been clerk of the city court and remains as the present efficient incumbent of the office. In spite of his years,

for he has now reached the age of eighty-four, he writes an excellent hand. For thirteen years he was with the Western Tube Company and the National Tube Company at Kewanee and for eight years of that period was head time-keeper. For two years he wrote checks when the companies were paying by check. For a considerable time he was casualty manager, looking after safety devices and accidents when they occurred. His record as a business man and official has ever been characterized by thorough understanding of and loyalty to duty. No trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree and all who know him commend him for his faithfulness and speak of him in terms of high regard.

In 1873 Mr. Rowley was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Ann Cooke, who had been reared in his own neighborhood, and they became the parents of seven children, namely: C. C., Fred, Mabel, one who died at birth, Harry, Belle and Vinton. The wife and mother passed away on the 18th of April, 1922. Mr. Rowley married Miss Jennie Farber, of Geneseo. Having lost his second wife, he was married on the 9th of August, 1932, to Mrs. Louisa Moore, who died in September, 1934.

Mr. Rowley has always been an active democrat and has served on various party committees. He has likewise filled the offices of city treasurer and town clerk and his official record in those connections, as well as clerk of the city court, is one over which there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. A Baptist in religious belief, he has been made a life deacon in the First Baptist Church of Kewanee and does everything in his power to promote the growth of the church and extend its influence as a factor in the moral upbuilding of this section. In April, 1875, he joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Kewanee and is still a member of the local lodge, in which he has passed through all of the chairs, having to his credit the notable record of serving for thirty-two years as financial secretary, a position which he still fills. He is also a member of Canton No. 54 and Encampment No. 105, higher degrees of the Odd Fellows, and a charter member of the Kewanee Lodge of Rebeccas. For thirty years he has been an Elk and his characteristic loyalty is manifest in his fraternal relations. His record is one which should inspire and encourage others, indicating the worth of upright character and of fidelity to duty.

MARTIN J. SEELEY

With the attainment of his majority Martin J. Seeley enrolled under the democratic banner and has since followed the party leadership. He makes his home not far from Joliet, in which city he has served as bridge operator for the state since May 1, 1933. Born in Ireland on the 10th of November, 1887, he is a son of John and Ann Seeley, who were also natives of the Emerald isle, whence they came to America when their son Martin was but eight months old. Crossing the country, they arrived in Joliet and here established their home. The father became a supporter of the democratic party after taking out his naturalization papers.

Martin J. Seeley attended both public and parochial schools of Joliet and when his education was completed he learned the boiler maker's trade, which he followed for many years, working his way steadily upward until various promotions brought him to the position of assistant foreman. After the factory was shut down he did other mechanical work for a time and on the 1st of May, 1933, he became a bridge operator for the state, being assigned to duty in this connection in Joliet.

On the 25th of August, 1909, Mr. Seeley was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Klinghoff, a native of Chicago, Illinois, and to them have been born ten children, one of whom, John, is deceased. The surviving members of the family are Genevieve May, Russell V., Anna May, Martin J., Jr., Francis, William, Raymond, James and Donald.

There is an interesting military chapter in the life record of Mr. Seeley, who entered the service of the United States on the 28th of May, 1918, as a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-first Machine Gun Battalion of the Thirty-eighth Division. While in France he was transferred to Company L of the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Regiment of the Thirty-sixth Division and thus served until he received his honorable discharge June 12, 1919. Naturally he is a member of the American Legion and also belongs to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He has membership in the Catholic Church and politically he has always been an active democrat, earnestly upholding the principles of the party since reaching his majority. He served as precinct committeeman for four years and was a delegate to the state convention in Springfield in 1932. He has also been a delegate to various judicial conventions and his loyalty to the party is unwavering.

MERRITT B. PALMER

Merritt B. Palmer, who is now serving as captain of police in Peoria and who is the candidate for sheriff of Peoria county on the democratic ticket, was born in Geneseo, Illinois, May 1, 1863, a son of J. W. and Emma E. (Parker) Palmer, who were natives of New Hampshire and Vermont, respectively. Both were descended from old Revolutionary war stock and belonged to old families of their respective states. They became pioneer residents of Geneseo, where the father was well known as a blacksmith. Their family numbered six children, three sons and three daughters, of whom one daughter, Mrs. John Degel, now resides in Peoria.

Merritt B. Palmer attended the public schools of Geneseo and learned many a valuable lesson while working in printing offices, for he acquired a knowledge of the trade in Geneseo, beginning work when a lad of thirteen years. At the age of eighteen he came to Peoria, where for many years he was employed on the leading newspapers, the Journal and the Star. He has been on the active list of the American Typographical Union since 1881. In 1905 he joined the police force and rose to the rank of lieutenant, but a desire to again work at the printer's case led him back to the trade which he had learned in his youth. In 1933, however, he accepted a position as captain of the police force. Previously he had made the race for sheriff as the nominee of the democratic party and in the primaries of 1934 he was again nominated for the office.

Mr. Palmer married Miss Carrie Noffziger, a native of Pekin, Illinois. By his first wife, Mr. Palmer had four children, as follows: John M., William M., Nora and Helen. Mr. Palmer belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He has led a busy and useful life and his record as a business man and as a citizen commends him to the confidence and high regard of all who know him.

FRANK WEINGART

Frank Weingart, who makes his home in McHenry, is serving as a maintenance patrolman. His entire life has been passed in McHenry county, his birth having occurred in the village of McHenry, August 15, 1890. He is a son of Simon and Agnes (Miller) Weingart. The father passed away in 1901, but the mother is still living.

Frank Weingart attended the parochial school at Volo, Illinois, and afterward secured employment as a farm hand, working for some time in connection with agricultural interests. Later he took up cement work and in 1912 removed to McHenry, where he has since made his home. No one has ever had reason to question his political position, for he has given unfaltering support to the democratic party since old enough to vote. He believes thoroughly in its principles and is always loyal to its ticket. On the 15th of February, 1933, he was appointed highway maintenance patrolman of Section 138 and has since rendered efficient service in this position.

On the 24th of September, 1913, Mr. Weingart was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Laures and they are the parents of three children: Louise, Evelyn and Donald. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and Mr. Weingart belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters, his social nature finding expression in his relations with his fellow members of these societies.

JOHN HUMPHREY LE CRONE

As owner and editor of the Olney Times, a live-wire weekly democratic newspaper of Richland county, John Humphrey Le Crone wields a most substantial influence on politics in that section of Illinois. He is known widely as a capable journalist, and is following in the footsteps of his father, who also ranked high in the newspaper profession. Mr. Le Crone was born in Effingham county, Illinois, October 6, 1896, and is a son of George M. and Frances (Nitcher) Le Crone.

George M. Le Crone was a native of Effingham county, Illinois, and his forebears originally came to the United States from Alsace-Lorraine and were early settlers in the county where he was born. He was a school teacher when a young man and later studied law and entered the newspaper business in Effingham as owner and editor of the Effingham Democrat and the Effingham Record, one of them a daily and the other a weekly publication. Mr. Le Crone edited these papers for over fifty years and was a recognized leader in the democratic party in his county. For several years he served as a committeeman; was elected county treasurer for one term, and was in the state legislature also for one term. He was a delegate to many state conventions, and also attended all of the congressional and judicial conventions. He was particularly active in the Bryan campaign of 1896, and attended the democratic national convention of that year, where he heard the Commoner's great Cross of Gold speech. In his latter years Mr. Le Crone was executive head of the Modern American Insurance Company.

John H. Le Crone received his education in the grade and high schools of Effingham, and very early began to learn the printer's trade in his father's plant. He worked in this connection until 1917, when he enlisted in the Navy after the United States had declared war against Germany. He served under the colors until his honorable discharge in May, 1919, at which time he returned to Effingham and was again associated with his father until 1922. In that year he bought a half interest in the Vandalia Leader of Fayette county, Illinois, and remained with this paper until 1927, in which year, desiring the advantage of a finishing course in the journalistic profession, he entered the University of Missouri in Columbia, and from that institution received his Bachelor of Journalism degree in 1928. He then came to Olney, Illinois, and purchased the Olney Times, which had been established in 1855 and which always devoted its columns to the cause of the democratic party. This paper is published weekly and has an excellent circulation of twenty-two hundred. The plant is modern, and the make-up of the paper is in harmony with the most modern style. Mr. Le Crone has demonstrated marked ability as a newspaperman, and has invariably met the popular taste in the conduct of his publication. A newspaper is almost always a potent factor in determining the trend of politics and the Times has been a stanch champion of democracy since the date of its establishment, almost eight decades ago.

In 1922 Mr. Le Crone was married to Miss Helen Price of Prescott, Arizona, and to them have been born three children, namely: Vernon, Heyward and Arlend.

In line with his newspaper work, Mr. Le Crone is a member of the Illinois Press Association and the Democratic Editorial Association of Illinois. He belongs to the Olney Chamber of Commerce and is much interested in the betterment of civic affairs and the promotion of things which will benefit the community.



JOHN H. LE CRONE

THOMAS STEPHEN MURRAY

One of the most active and influential members of the democratic party in De Kalb is Thomas Stephen Murray, who makes his home at 304 South Sixth street in this city. A native of Chicago, he was born October 14, 1878, a son of Patrick O. and Eliza (Donovan) Murray, the latter a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Donovan of Batavia, Illinois. Patrick O. Murray was born in Ireland and came to the United States in the late '40s, settling at Batavia, Kane county, Illinois, whence he removed to De Kalb county in 1861. He served in the Civil war as a member of Company C, Eighty-third Ohio Infantry, and was with the army from 1861 until 1866. He participated in a number of hotly contested battles and was wounded at Vicksburg.

Thomas S. Murray attended the public schools of De Kalb and started out in the business world as a traveling salesman, selling wholesale paper products for nine years. He has led an active and useful life and is a veteran of two wars. When the United States entered into war with Spain he joined the Third Illinois Volunteer Infantry and participated in the Porto Rican expedition. It was in April, 1898, at Rochelle, Illinois, that he enrolled as a member of Company M and was sent to Camp Tanner in Springfield. From the 24th of April until the 15th of July he was at Chickamauga Park, Georgia, and thence went to Newport News, Virginia, to embark on the steamship St. Louis. He landed at Arroyo, Porto Rico, on the 2d of August and was on that island until November 2, participating in the engagements at Guayama and Arroa, and was continually on outpost duty. On the return he landed at Weehawken, New Jersey, November 7, 1898, and was mustered out of the United States Army in January, 1899. In the same month he was commissioned a first lieutenant of Company A of the Third Illinois National Guard and served with that rank for four years or until 1903, when he was commissioned captain of the company, his commission expiring in 1906, when he retired from military service. At the time he received his second commission he was the youngest captain in the service in Illinois.

On the 4th of July, 1917, Mr. Murray was appointed by Governor Lowden a member of the exemption board of De Kalb county and so served until August, when he resigned to attend the Second Officers Training Camp at Fort Sheridan. On the 27th of November, 1917, he was commissioned captain of infantry and was ordered to France for duty, embarking at Jersey City, December 21, 1917, on the Steamship Lapland, whence he disembarked at Liverpool, England, on the 30th. On the 3d of January, 1918, he left Southampton, England, for Le Havre, France, and from there proceeded to Langres, where he was assigned to the army line school, completing a course in three months. He then joined the Seventy-seventh Division and went to Vimy Ridge on the British sector. After serving ten days he was placed in charge of a detachment of special instructors whose duty it was to train incoming troops for active service. He was next transferred to the Thirtieth Division and while with that command was ordered to Ypres, Belgium, as captain of infantry. He served for three months in the trenches in that sector and was then ordered back to France, arriving at Amiens in September. He was there appointed Second Army Corps liaison officer, attached to the Twenty-seventh Division, from September, 1918, until October. During an emergency he was placed in temporary command of Company M, One Hundred and Eighth Infantry, to replace an officer who had been lost in action, and subsequently was assigned to the Eighteenth Division of the British sector. While acting as liaison officer, on the night of October 8th, he was wounded in the left shoulder and left hip by a shell and was in a British hospital near London from October 8th to December 1st. He then left Liverpool for the United States on the Steamship Empress of Britain and landed at New York, December 10th. He entered Green Hut Hospital of New York, where he remained

for ten days, when he was transferred to Fort Sheridan, where he arrived December 23d. There he received treatment in the hospital until May, 1919, and on the 21st of May he was mustered out with the rank of captain. Thus he is a veteran of two wars, and in days of peace he has been equally loyal to the best interests of the country.

On the 22d of June, 1914, at St. Peter, Minnesota, Mr. Murray was united in marriage to Julia M. Lindberg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lindberg, of De Kalb, Illinois. Mr. Murray belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and was secretary of the old Commercial Club from 1913 to 1915. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, of which he is vice chancellor, and he has been a trustee of the Modern Woodmen of America. His religious faith is that of the Catholic Church. He has membership with the United Spanish War Veterans and has been camp commander of William H. O'Neil Post of De Kalb. He has also been county commander of the American Legion and has membership in De Kalb Post, No. 65. In politics he has always been an active democrat since casting his first presidential vote. He formerly served on the senatorial committee and was a candidate for sheriff in 1926, receiving more votes than were ever given any democratic candidate in De Kalb county up to that time, but could not overcome the republican majority. He has been a member of the county central committee of De Kalb county for twenty years and was made its secretary in April, 1934. He attends all the county and district conventions and was a delegate to the last state convention. He also belongs to the Young Peoples Democratic Club and he works just as intelligently, actively and effectively for the party as he did when he defended the rights and interests of his country on foreign battlefields.

ROBERT C. DELANO

Through six generations Robert C. Delano traces a direct relationship to Franklin Delano Roosevelt and has had interesting correspondence with the president on the subject of the family connection. Mr. Delano, making his home near Princeton, Bureau county, is serving as a highway patrolman. He was born in Princeton township, January 6, 1896, a son of Clarence H. and Elizabeth Delano. The father came from Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and the mother was reared in northern Illinois. They were long residents of Bureau county, where Mrs. Delano still makes her home. Her husband was in the grocery business in Princeton for a considerable period and he served for many years on the board of education of that city and as a member of the city council, giving active aid to all measures which he deemed of benefit to the municipality.

Robert C. Delano was reared and educated in Princeton, being graduated from high school as a member of the class of 1915. He afterward worked for his father in the grocery business until September, 1917, when he entered the army, with which he served for twenty-two months or until June 10, 1919, becoming a member of the Three Hundred and Forty-ninth Regiment of the Eighty-eighth Division. He was assigned to Headquarters Company and he also played in the band.

On the 1st of February, 1921, Mr. Delano was united in marriage to Miss Opal Gildermaster. They resided in California during the first year of their domestic life and then settled on the farm near Princeton, Illinois, on which they now make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Delano have a son, Richard F., and are consistent members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

After his marriage Mr. Delano followed general farming, thus providing for the support of his family, and on the 1st of February, 1933, he was appointed to the position of highway maintenance patrolman. He has always been active and interested in the democratic party and has served on its finance committee in his home locality. For five years he has been judge of elections in Precinct No. 5. As a school director he has worked for the best interests of education in

his district and he co-operates in any plan or project for the general good. He is a charter member of Princeton Post of the American Legion and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. Practically his entire life has been passed in Bureau county, where he has a wide acquaintance, and that his record is a commendable one is shown by the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

PAUL H. VANNIER

As the publisher of that popular democratic newspaper of Scott county, The Bluffs Weekly Times, Paul H. Vannier has established himself as a most influential and loyal newspaperman in the ranks of Illinois Democracy. Although he has been the owner of this publication only a comparatively short time, he has manifested outstanding ability along journalistic lines and has enhanced the reputation of the newspaper in striking manner. Paul H. Vannier was born on a farm near Bluffs, Scott county, Illinois, November 2, 1901, and is a son of the late George H. Vannier and his wife, Johanna (Hubbert) Vannier, a biography of whom is presented upon another page of this volume.

Paul H. Vannier attended the public schools of Scott county and graduated from high school in Bluffs in 1919. For three years following thereafter he pursued advanced work at the University of Illinois, following which he went to Chicago and there engaged in the advertising business for eight years. In September, 1931, he purchased The Bluffs Weekly Times and has since published it as a democratic newspaper. The plant is strictly modern in character and Mr. Vannier sees to it that the make-up of his paper is up-to-date and appeals to the reading public. Attractive features are carried in addition to the full covering of the local news, and the circulation has insured an excellent advertising patronage. Mr. Vannier is secretary of the Scott County Jeffersonian Club, and vitally interested in social and civic affairs of his home community.

On June 8, 1932, Mr. Vannier was married to Miss Dorothy Orwig, a daughter of James and Margaret (Everitt) Orwig, of Prairie City, Illinois. On April 10, 1934, Mrs. Vannier was nominated for the position of superintendent of schools of Scott county, her fitness for this responsible place having become a matter of general knowledge.

JAMES D. CARRIGAN

As alderman of the seventh ward James D. Carrigan has taken part in directing the municipal activities of Peoria since 1933 and has been connected with the business interests of the city for a number of years as an electrical engineer. He was born in Peoria, Illinois, March 15, 1905, a son of John F. and Anna (Halligan) Carrigan. The father was a native of Peoria and represented one of the old families of the city. The maternal grandfather of James D. Carrigan also came to Illinois in pioneer times and served in the Civil war. His wife was from Missouri and came from that state to Illinois while this was still a frontier region. In the family of John F. and Anna Carrigan were fifteen children, ten of whom are living, namely: John L., Joseph K., Stephen A., Bernard B., James D., Lester, Walter B., Raymond A., Ann and Frank. Maurice and Francis have passed away, as has Thomas, who served in the World war in France, remaining on the front for twenty-one months and was shell shocked.

James D. Carrigan was educated in St. Patrick's school and in the Spalding Institute of Peoria, after which he entered business life and was variously employed until he became identified with electrical engineering. He then occupied positions as electrical engineer in local industrial plants and he is a member of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Mr. Carrigan married Dorothy Payne, a native of Peoria, Illinois, and a daughter of Louis and Ellen (McCarthy) Payne. By this union there are two children, Fulton James and Mary Joanne. Mr. Carrigan has always given his

political allegiance to the democratic party and is a member of the Seventh Ward Democratic Club and of the Junior Jeffersonians. He has worked for party welfare and success and in 1933 was elected to the city council, in which he is now serving as representative from the seventh ward. His entire life has been passed in Peoria, where he is well and favorably known and where he is making an excellent record as a public official.

MRS. VELMA B. CRAIN

Mrs. Velma B. Crain, county superintendent of schools in Pope county and a resident of Goleonda, was born in this county, December 19, 1899, a daughter of John and Mollie (Hamilton) Benard. At the usual age she entered the grammar schools and continued through successive grades to the high school of Goleonda, while later she pursued the junior college course in the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale, where she graduated in 1920.

On the 29th of March, 1924, in Metropolis, Illinois, Velma Benard became the wife of John Crain, who is in the railroad tie production and lumber business with his father. They have become the parents of a son, John Benard Crain. Mrs. Crain, with a true sense of the responsibility and obligations of citizenship, has closely studied political problems and votes with the democratic party. On the party ticket she was elected November 5, 1930, to the office of county superintendent of schools, with a majority of two hundred and sixty-six in a county normally republican by a two thousand majority, and is proving most efficient in this connection. She served as president of the Southern Division of the Illinois Teachers' Association—an organization composed of the teachers of fourteen southern Illinois counties. She has attended all of the county conventions of the party and does everything in her power to advance the interests of democracy. Her religious faith is that of the Methodist Church, in the work of which she takes very active and helpful part. She is now superintendent of the Sunday school, is a district steward and is sponsor of the Epworth League.

JOHN J. McCARTHY

John J. McCarthy, chief clerk of the East Moline State Hospital, was born in Rock Island, Illinois, in 1887, a son of William and Elizabeth McCarthy. The father passed away in 1906, after having served for a number of years as a factory foreman. He was always an active democrat, unswerving in his loyalty to party principles.

John J. McCarthy was educated in the public schools of Rock Island and made his initial step in the business world by entering the employ of Smith Brothers, wholesale grocers of Rock Island, with whom he was connected for seventeen years. Subsequently he represented a wholesale grocery house of Davenport, Iowa, for four years and then established business in the same line on his own account in Rock Island, conducting the enterprise for three years. On the 6th of April, 1933, he became chief clerk in the Watertown State Hospital and is now filling the position in a creditable and acceptable manner.

In 1916 Mr. McCarthy was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Meehan, of Rock Island, and they are the parents of six children, namely: Francis, John J. Jr., Margaret Mary, Richard, Betty Jo and Barry. The family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death and the parents and children are communicants of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Mr. McCarthy was formerly identified with the Elks lodge in Rock Island. He has been a lifelong democrat, keenly interested in the party and laboring effectively in attaining its victories. For twenty-two years he served as county committeeman and for eight years was chairman of the city central committee of Rock Island. In 1924, 1928 and 1932 he was a delegate to the democratic state conventions and on the 17th of April, 1934, he became chairman of the democratic county central committee, in which connection his powers of organization and wise direction are manifest in excellent results.



MRS. VELMA B. CRAIN

JOHN C. SEYSTER

In 1879 John C. Seyster was admitted to the bar and since 1880 has continuously engaged in the practice of law in Oregon, Ogle county. He is accounted one of the most able attorneys of northern Illinois and his practice has been of an important character. Born in this county May 12, 1854, he is a son of Michael Seyster, who was born in Washington county, Maryland, in 1824 and who came to Ogle county, Illinois, in 1838, when a youth of fourteen years. He settled on a farm a mile and a half west of Oregon and there devoted his remaining days to agricultural pursuits, being recognized as one of the representative farmers of the community. In politics he was always a democrat, voting with the party until his death in 1911.

John C. Seyster attended the rural schools and then entered Rock River Seminary at Mount Morris, Illinois. Having determined to make the practice of law his life work, he pursued a thorough course of study and was admitted to the bar in 1879. The following year he opened an office in Oregon, where he has now remained for more than a half century. His practice here has steadily grown in volume and importance and the ability which he has shown in the handling of his cases and in his work as counselor marks him as one of the strongest members of the bar of northern Illinois. His preparation of a case is always thorough and comprehensive and his presentation of his cause in the court is ever clear and convincing.

On the 15th of December, 1880, Mr. Seyster married Ella Vinacke and they are the parents of a son, Thomas, who is a resident of Oregon, Illinois.

Mr. Seyster has been active as a democratic supporter since old enough to vote. He has attended three national conventions of the party in Chicago, being present on both occasions when Grover Cleveland was nominated for the presidency and again when Bryan's name was placed at the head of the ticket. In 1882 he was elected to the state legislature, serving until 1884. He has always manifested keen appreciation of opportunities for service to his party and has been one of its stalwart advocates because of his firm belief in its principles. Fraternally he is a Mason of high rank, as is indicated in the fact that he belongs to the Mystic Shrine. A resident of Oregon for fifty-four years, his life record is as an open book which all may read and its salient features place him among the well known and highly honored citizens of the county.

JOHN J. ROGERS

In 1930 John J. Rogers was elected chief supervisor for the city of East St. Louis and as such is ex-officio overseer of the poor. This has proven a very strenuous task, as the city has thirty-four per cent of its population on the relief rolls. Mr. Rogers' duties have therefore been very arduous, but he has been found equal to the occasion and his labors have awakened general satisfaction throughout the community.

Born on a farm in Jackson county, Illinois, February 9, 1890, Mr. Rogers is a son of Matt E. and Mary (Armstrong) Rogers, the former a native of Jackson county and the latter of Franklin county, Illinois. Matt E. Rogers conducted a drug business and creamery at Campbell Hill, this state, until 1892, when he removed with his family to East St. Louis. He has always been a supporter of democracy.

John J. Rogers was but two years of age when brought to East St. Louis, where he pursued a public school education and then while still a boy obtained a position with Swift & Company. He was afterward with Morris & Company and subsequently with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and his entire record has been one of progress as his powers have expanded and he has given proof of his capability to handle important interests. Mr. Rogers was reared as a democrat and became an active party worker at his majority. His entrance into politics as an officeholder came as a result of a peculiarly

interesting circumstance. Several years ago he parked his car on Collinsville avenue, and while he was in a store a policeman placed thereon a ticket. Mr. Rogers went to see a friend in the city hall to have this fixed, and his friend thereupon agreed to accommodate him provided that he become a candidate for the office of supervisor. Without special effort on his part he was elected to the office and has since served in that position with the exception of a two-year period. In 1930 he was elected chief supervisor and is now acting in that capacity in a most creditable manner. He faithfully performs all of the duties and meets all of the responsibilities of the office, and his work in connection with relief of the unemployed has been most extensive owing to the depression that has so largely affected industrial circles. He has sought an equitable adjustment of relief to the needs of the individual and his labors have prevented much suffering, so that today he is a popular chief supervisor and one whose course has gained for him wide commendation. For several years he acted as precinct committeeman and for one term was vice chairman of the city central committee. He is in demand as a campaign speaker and through his life insurance work he gained a wide acquaintance, among whom he has been an influential factor in support of the democratic party.

In 1910 Mr. Rogers was married to Miss Anna P. Crump, of Columbia, Missouri, and they are the parents of two daughters: Virginia, who is in the office of the county treasurer; and Ruth Mary, at home. Mr. Rogers is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and is a loyal follower of the teachings and purposes of the craft, which is based upon a recognition of the brotherhood of man.

HARRY KLOSTERMAN

On the 1st of January, 1934, Harry Klosterman of Wheaton was appointed highway maintenance patrolman, having previously been connected with this branch of the public service in Illinois. He has taken an active part in democratic politics since 1930 and is now serving as a member of the county central committee of Du Page county. Mr. Klosterman is a native of Florida, his birth having occurred in Daytona, January 8, 1881, his parents being Henry and Catherine (Lauterbach) Klosterman, who are natives of Brooklyn, New York, and Cincinnati, Ohio, respectively. The father, who now makes his home in Cincinnati, has been a lifelong democrat.

Harry Klosterman has devoted thirty-five years of his life to railroad service. From 1904 to 1913 he was with the Chicago & North Western Railway as a brakeman and conductor and from 1918 to 1932 was with the Chicago, Aurora & Elgin Railroad Company as a motorman. His long connection with these companies plainly indicates his capability and faithfulness.

Mr. Klosterman has voted the democratic ticket since attaining his majority and has been active in local politics since 1930. He was appointed precinct committeeman in the latter part of 1932 and re-elected in April, 1934. On the 3d of February, 1933, he was given a position with the highway maintenance department and on January 1, 1934, was made highway maintenance patrolman, in which connection he has since served.

Mr. Klosterman and his wife make their home in Wheaton and are members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Klosterman also belongs to the Moose, Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows and faithfully supports the principles and purposes of these organizations.

CASPER H. SMITH

Casper H. Smith, county recorder of La Salle county, was born in Peru, Illinois, August 12, 1885, a son of Gerhart and Gertrude (Klaesser) Smith, both of whom were born in Germany. The father, who was a miner, is now deceased, but the mother is still living and makes her home in Peru.

Casper H. Smith was educated through the medium of instruction in the

St. Joseph parochial school of Peru, and through correspondence schools, studying advertising and business management with the Powell School of New York city. He then engaged in the insurance business in Peru and in La Salle for a time and afterward turned his attention to manufacturing enterprises, manufacturing an accessory for farm silos. He next became sales manager for the Starved Rock Oil Company and continued to act in that capacity until 1932, when he was elected county recorder for a term of two years by the largest majority given any candidate for recorder in La Salle county, so that he is the present incumbent in the position. Commending him on his management of the office of recorder, the board of supervisors placed special emphasis in their report on his efficiency and economy in the position.

In 1915 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Doyle, of Springvalley, Illinois, and they are the parents of three children: Gregory D., a student at St. Bede College of Peru, Illinois; Mary Jeanne, who is ten years of age; and Mary Louise. The family attend St. Patrick's Catholic Church in La Salle and Mr. Smith belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Twenty years ago he was made town chairman of the democratic organization of Peru, has since been an active party worker and for several years was a member of the county committee. At the present time he is a candidate for congress, nominated out of a field of three other contestants, leading by four hundred votes. Whatever he can do for the party support he does quickly, willingly and effectively, and in his present position as county recorder he is systematic and thorough, making an excellent record in the office.

RICHARD MICHAEL BOYLAN

The history of Will county would be incomplete without reference to Richard Michael Boylan, who has spent his entire life here and has always been a loyal supporter of every plan or project for the best interests of the community. He now resides in Joliet, but was born in Manhattan township, Will county, April 2, 1897, a son of Matthew and Anna (Walsh) Boylan. The father, who has now passed away, devoted his active business life to farming and he was always a loyal supporter of the democratic party, ever voting for its candidates and adhering closely to its principles.

In the pursuit of his education Richard M. Boylan completed the work of the various grades until he had finished the eighth grade but left school at the age of twelve years. He was reared to farm life and early gained a practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and enlivating the crops. He continued to follow farming until 1930. It was on the 18th of October of that year that he married Miss Myrtle Schoop, a daughter of Herman Schoop, who was an active and prominent democrat of Frankfort township, Will county, but always refused to become a candidate for office, giving his support to the party because of his belief in its principles and not because of any desire for personal gain. Since his marriage Mr. Boylan has lived in Joliet and is now filling the position of bridge operator. His work is faithfully performed and he has made a good record since appointed to this position. His religious faith is that of the Catholic Church and his political belief that of the democratic party. He is ever loyal to the organization but has never sought office as a reward for party fealty.

RALPH W. LAMONT

Ralph W. Lamont, an enterprising business man of Rock Island, where he is engaged in dealing in coal and gas, was born in 1883, in the city which is still his home, a son of George and Sarah (Baker) Lamont, both of whom are now deceased. The father was a river steamboat captain and steamboat agent for many years. He also operated a boat store in Rock Island for an extended period, selling to

the boats their various supplies, and thus for a long time he was a very active and enterprising business man of the city. In politics he was an earnest democrat, even during the Civil war period, and he served on party committees and in other ways rendered active aid to the organization.

Ralph W. Lamont was educated in Rock Island and for years has engaged in the coal and gas business, his close application, his enterprise and sound judgment proving strong features in the attainment of his success.

Fraternally Mr. Lamont is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. He became interested in politics when young and for many years he has been a precinct committeeman, taking active part in guiding the destinies of the democratic organization in this district. He has been a delegate to many conventions and always a party worker, especially active in the field.

FRANK FISCHER

Among the enterprising merchants of Hamburg, Calhoun county, is numbered Frank Fischer, who conducts a well appointed general store here and is also serving as postmaster. He has a wide acquaintance, among whom he is popular, and he is always mentioned as one of the foremost democrats of his section of the state. His birth occurred in Hamburg, Illinois, March 10, 1878, his parents being John G. and Annie Margaret (Siemer) Fischer. The father was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1839 and made the long voyage across the Atlantic to America when a youth of sixteen years, taking up his abode at Meppen, Calhoun county, Illinois. He served in the Union Army during the last year of the Civil war and after the close of hostilities removed to Hamburg, devoting his remaining days to farming. In politics he was a staunch democrat and in religious faith a Catholic, having membership with the Catholic Knights. He passed away March 25, 1887, and his wife, who was born in Meppen, Illinois, in 1848, survived him until December 10, 1920.

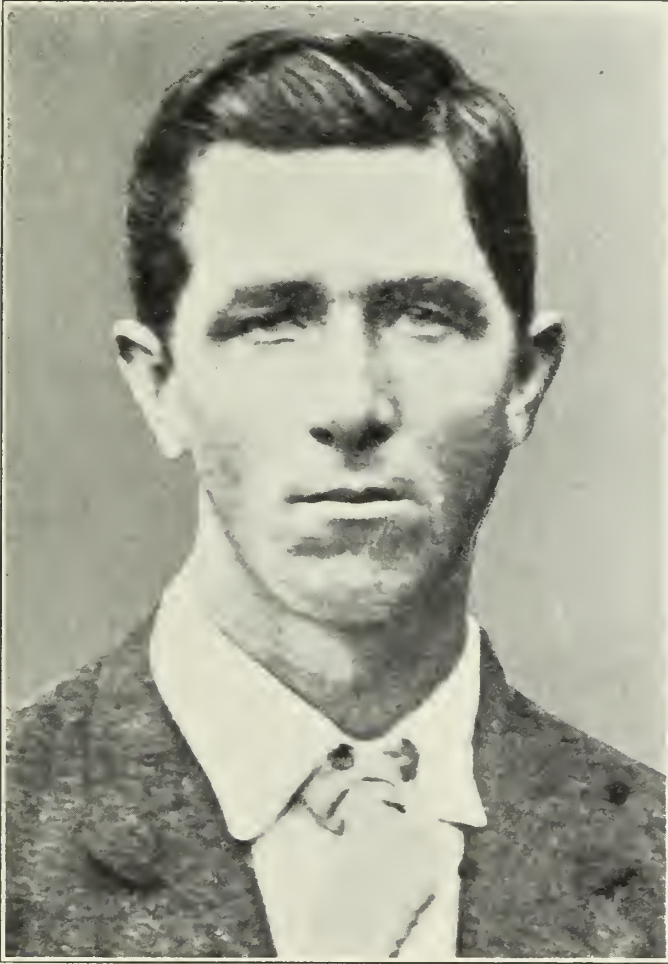
Their son, Frank Fischer, attended the public schools of Hamburg and spent his youthful days largely in the manner of the farm-bred boy who divides his time between the work of the schoolroom and of the fields. In young manhood he began farming on his own account near Hamburg and so continued until 1914. During the succeeding two years he engaged in the coopering business, devoting his attention to making apple barrels. In 1916 he opened a general mercantile store which for eighteen years he has successfully conducted, his enterprising methods and thorough reliability winning for him a substantial measure of success as the years have gone by.

Mr. Fischer is also very active in politics, having for more than a quarter of a century taken helpful part in promoting the interests of democracy in Calhoun county. He served for two terms as school director of Hamburg. On the 27th of November, 1933, he was appointed acting postmaster of the town and on May 3, 1934, received his commission. His worth as a citizen is widely acknowledged and his cooperation can always be counted upon to further any measure for the public good.

On the 19th of November, 1903, Mr. Fischer was married to Miss Clara Roehl and they have four children: Hildagart, who is the wife of Robert Diehl, of St. Louis, Missouri; Ellis, a resident of Hamburg, Illinois; Alberta; and Bernadine. Mr. Fischer is a large, fine looking man with snow-white hair and a genial countenance, his mild and kindly disposition making him liked by everybody, so that his circle of friends is almost co-extensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

WALTER RILEY

Walter Riley, of Dix, Jefferson county, who is a member of the maintenance patrol, was born March 20, 1878, in the county where he still lives, his parents being Andrew and Samantha (McMinn) Riley. The father held every minor



FRANK FISCHER

office in Rome township, Jefferson county, serving at different periods as assessor, collector, clerk and commissioner. He was keenly interested in everything that had to do with the civic welfare and his work as a citizen was highly creditable and beneficial.

Walter Riley attended the public schools until he had completed the work of the eighth grade. On attaining his majority he took up farming on his own account and for the past twenty years has been engaged in the dairy business. In 1929 he purchased and is now conducting a grocery store and feed business in Dix and has secured a liberal and well deserved patronage. He is a thoroughly reliable as well as progressive business man and whatever success he has gained is the direct result of his own labors.

On the 15th of April, 1904, in Jefferson county, Mr. Riley was united in marriage to Miss Alice Cohlmeier. Mr. and Mrs. Riley are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically a stalwart democrat, Mr. Riley was appointed maintenance patrolman in May, 1934. He has attended a number of the county and state conventions and he is always interested in the work of the party and its organization, co-operating in all measures which he deems of benefit. His aid can be counted upon to further any plan for the general good and he is regarded as one of the representative residents of Jefferson county.

CLAUDE EDISON GILLIATT, M. D.

Dr. Claude Edison Gilliatt, an able and widely known member of the medical profession practicing in Allendale, has also been an active worker in democratic circles, while the offices which he has held have been in the strict path of his profession. At the present writing he is serving as coroner of Wabash county.

Indiana numbers Dr. Gilliatt among her native sons, his birth having occurred at Unionville, July 24, 1878. His parents were Dr. William Butler and Amy Ann (Lomax) Gilliatt, who were natives of Orange county, Indiana, the former a son of William and Nancy (Willard) Gilliatt, natives of West Virginia, while Mrs. Amy Ann Gilliatt was a daughter of Lentsford and Elvira (Hunt) Lomax. In the acquirement of his education Dr. William Butler Gilliatt attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Cincinnati, Ohio, and was graduated about 1872. He then located for practice in French Lick, Indiana, but after about a year removed to English, Crawford county, that state, and a year later opened an office in Unionville, where at the time of his death he was one of the oldest physicians in years of continuous practice. He was also very active in democratic politics, was ever a liberal contributor to the party and served for many terms as a trustee of his town. He passed away February 1, 1921, after reaching a venerable age, and his wife died in 1886.

Claude E. Gilliatt acquired his early education as a public school pupil of Unionville, Indiana, continued his studies in the Southern Indiana Normal School at Mitchell, that state, and subsequently pursued the pre-medical course in Indiana University at Bloomington. He taught school in Orange county, Indiana, during the year 1894, later attended the Hospital College of Medicine at Louisville, Kentucky, and in June, 1898, graduated. He attended the Post Graduate Medical School of Chicago, in 1895, for post graduate work, and the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, in 1921 for post graduate work. Dr. Gilliatt began practice in his native city but in 1899 came to Allendale, where he has since remained, his practice growing in volume and importance as the years have passed. He has the liberal professional support of his fellow townsmen and he enjoys the high respect and confidence of his professional colleagues and contemporaries. The Wabash County Medical Society, of which he is a member, has honored him with its presidency. He also belongs to the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and at all times keeps in touch with the advanced thought and methods of the profession.

On the 14th of March, 1900, Dr. Gilliatt was married to Miss Beulah Price, who was born in Allendale, Illinois, a daughter of J. W. and Sarah (McLain)

Price. Her father was the founder of Allendale and was the organizer of the First National Bank there, of which he continued president until his death. Dr. and Mrs. Gilliatt have one son, James Price, who was born February 10, 1901, and is now attending the University of Kentucky, where he has received his B. S. degree and is now studying for his medical degree.

In fraternal circles the Doctor is widely known, having membership with the Masons, the Elks, the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen. He also belongs to the Kiwanis Club and to the Mount Carmel Country Club. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party, of which he is indeed a staunch advocate. He has been head of the board of health and is one of three physicians of Wabash county on medical relief. For eight years he has served as coroner of Wabash county, his present term of office extending until 1936. Through his official connections he has been able to render real service to his fellow townsmen and in the professional field he enjoys a well merited reputation.

WILLIAM T. BROPHY

William T. Brophy, the democratic member of the board of election commissioners of Peoria, is an old-time worker for the democratic cause, though young in years. He has consistently supported the democratic party since the days of his youth and during the lean years gave faithfully of his time and of his means to the cause, contributing thereto when campaign funds were not easily obtained by the party.

William T. Brophy's life story began in Peoria, May 15, 1901, his parents being John M. and Alice (Flanagan) Brophy, both of whom were born in this city and were representatives of old pioneer families here. They became the parents of eight children: Robert; Bernard; William T.; Hubert, who served overseas during the World war; John, deceased; James, who is a student in the University of Illinois; Mrs. Michael McGann; and Madeline.

William T. Brophy was educated in St. Patrick's parochial school of Peoria, in the Spalding Institute and in the Manual Training high school of this city. He became a practical plumber and followed the trade for a number of years. He has given his spare time to the democratic organization work for many years and his selection as an election commissioner was a popular one. His impartiality and fairness in matters pertaining to elections and enforcement of the law is well known and his service has been highly satisfactory to the general public. He was the organizer and the first president of the Sixth Ward Democratic Club of Peoria and has been precinct committeeman for twelve years. He believes in thorough organization work and his efforts have been far-reaching and of great benefit to the party.

Fraternally Mr. Brophy is connected with the Knights of Columbus, his membership being in Alhambra Council, and along the line of business he has taken an active interest in the labor movement and has served on the executive board of the Plumbers' Union.

JOHN J. GRANT, M. D.

Dr. John J. Grant, a distinguished surgeon of Illinois, is practicing in Freeport, in which city he was born May 27, 1886, a son of Thomas and Annabelle (Burns) Grant. The mother was born in Freeport, February 24, 1854. The father, whose birth occurred in Ireland in 1844, came to America in his boyhood with his parents, who located in Brownstown, Pennsylvania. About 1854 he removed to Freeport, Illinois, and in 1870 began manufacturing brick here. About 1894 he established a coal and wood business and continued in the coal trade until his death in 1923. Politically he was a staunch democrat and an earnest party worker, and in religious belief was a Catholic.

John J. Grant attended parochial and public schools of Freeport until

graduated from high school in 1905. The following year he completed a course in the Freeport College of Commerce and afterward studied for his profession in New York University at New York and the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree in 1911. For two and one-half years he was an interne in New York City Hospital, engaged in surgical work. Returning to Freeport, July 1, 1913, he has since here engaged in the practice of surgery most successfully. Dr. Grant ranks high in the field of surgery. His office rooms, X-ray room, examination rooms and treatment room are equal to those of any up-to-date clinic, supplied with the most modern equipment that medical science has produced. He has a well equipped laboratory and is prepared to give a perfect metabolism test. His X-ray is among the latest, and he has the fluoroscope and everything necessary. The Doctor may be justly proud of his achievements in surgery and of his equipment for examination, diagnosis and treatment.

On the 27th of June, 1918, Dr. Grant was united in marriage to Miss Marie Catherine Schulte and they are the parents of two daughters, Betty Ann and Eileen Mary. Their church is the Catholic and the Doctor also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, is a life member of the Elks and is likewise a member of the Freeport Country Club. He has always taken a keen and helpful interest in civic affairs, votes the democratic ticket and was very active in the campaign of 1932. He was one of the original advocates of Henry Horner for chief executive and took an important and helpful part in supporting his candidacy. It was Dr. Grant alone who influenced President Roosevelt to stop in Freeport on his western tour in 1932, the President making a rear platform speech to ten thousand people, following an introduction by Dr. Grant. Never neglectful of the duties and obligations of citizenship, politics, however, is a side line with the Doctor, surgery being his life work, and he is a member of the Stephenson County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

CARL FREDERICK OSTERMEIER

Carl Frederick Ostermeier, secretary of the Producers Dairy Company of Springfield, is a son of William and Caroline Ostermeier, representatives of one of the old families of Sangamon county. The father was a member of the Woodside township school board for thirty years and was widely and favorably known throughout his community. He always gave his political allegiance to the democratic party. It was in South Springfield, Woodside township, that Carl F. Ostermeier was born, and he attended the common schools of Sangamon county until he had completed the work of the tenth grade, when he entered Brown's Business College, in which he continued his studies for two years at different periods, he afterward pursued short courses in the University of Illinois and at all times he has promoted his knowledge through reading, study and observation, thus qualifying for larger responsibilities and duties in life. He devoted his attention to farming from the time he attained his majority until about seven years ago, when he became active in the Producers Dairy Company as secretary and sales manager. He was one of the founders of this company and was made secretary two years before becoming active in the promotion of its business. Under his guidance the interests of the company have been greatly developed and enlarged and by all who know him he is regarded as a strong executive, doing everything thoroughly and systematically. He is keenly interested in live stock improvement and is a member of the board of directors of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association of Sangamon and Christian counties.

On the 25th of January, 1928, Mr. Ostermeier was married to Cora Able, of Louisville, Kentucky, and they have a daughter, Sarah Jean, six years of age.

Mr. Ostermeier is a director of the Roosevelt-Horner Democratic Organization of Sangamon county and has been an effective party worker for a number of

years. While living in Woodside township he filled the office of collector for ten years, being elected in a district that usually gave a republican vote of five against one democratic vote. The fact that he was chosen for the office indicated the personal regard entertained for him by friends and neighbors and the faith which they had in his fidelity and trustworthiness. He belongs to the Jefferson Young Men's Club of Sangamon county and to various organizations which have to do with the welfare, progress and improvement of community and commonwealth. He has membership in the Triangle Circle Club and is vice president of the Cosmopolitan Civic Club. He belongs to and is vice president of the Reliance Club, a new organization formed by the business men in Springfield, and he is the financial secretary of the Concordia College Improvement Association and a member of the Trinity Senior Walther League. He is a member of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Springfield and his entire life has been guided by high principles that have been manifest in his support of all those movements which make for the civic betterment and moral progress of the community.

ARCH WALL

Arch Wall, of Nebo, Pike county, is deputy receiver for the Griggsville State Bank and the Perry State Bank. His birth occurred in the neighboring state of Missouri, near Whitesville, Andrew county, June 7, 1870. His father, F. M. Wall, was born in Kentucky and gave lifelong support to the democratic party. He married Pernecia Stockton, whose birth occurred in Andrew county, Missouri.

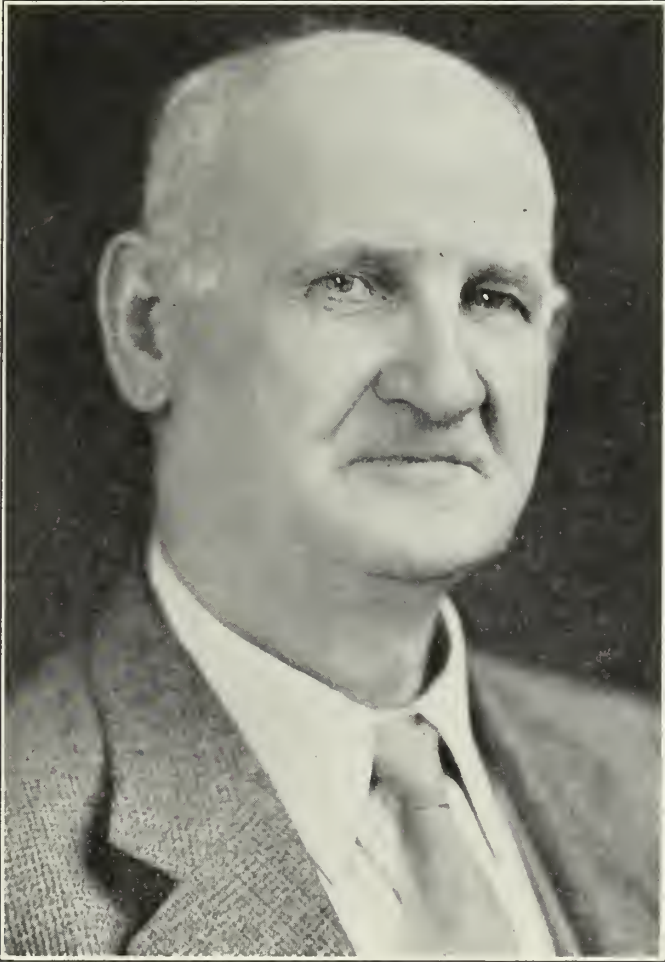
It was in that county that Arch Wall pursued his early education as a public school pupil and later he attended the C. W. Robins Business College in Sedalia, Missouri. In young manhood he learned telegraphy in the J. D. Brown Telegraph Institute at Sedalia and started work along that line as night operator for the Chicago & Alton Railroad Company. He remained in the railroad service about nine years and in 1898 turned his attention to merchandising by opening a hardware store in Nebo. This he carried on successfully and in 1910 he broadened the scope of his activities by establishing a Ford agency. His two sons and his son-in-law now conduct the business under the firm name of Wall Brothers & Caldwell, while Mr. Wall is giving his attention to banking as deputy receiver for the Griggsville State Bank and the Perry State Bank. He brought to his present duties valuable experience in this field, for he had formerly been president of the Minier State Bank of Nebo for five years. His knowledge of the business is serving him in good stead and he is doing much to untangle the affairs of the banking institutions with which he is now associated.

In 1891 Mr. Wall married Miss Emma Harpole and they have three children: Uva, the wife of F. W. Caldwell, of Nebo; Harold, of Pleasant Hill, who is a veteran of the World war, having been a sergeant in the aviation service in France; and Carl J., of Nebo, who was in the navy during the World war, stationed at the Great Lakes.

Mr. Wall has been allied with the democratic party since attaining man's estate. He is a party worker rather than an office seeker and for six years was democratic precinct committeeman. He also served as supervisor of Spring Creek township for two terms and he gives his aid to every well defined plan or project that will promote the legitimate success of his party. He was appointed by Governor Horner one of the five members of the farm debt adjusting committee of Pike county and was elected secretary when the committee met and organized.

WILLIAM HENRY GRAHAM

Among the substantial citizens of Henderson county is numbered William Henry Graham, now making his home in Gladstone, where he was born May 14, 1868, his parents being William H. and Nancy (Kemp) Graham, who were natives of Pennsylvania and of Illinois, respectively. The father was a farmer



ARCH WALL

of Gladstone township, Henderson county, for many years and always gave staunch political support to the democratic party. His son, whose name introduces this record, attended the public schools of Gladstone township and for thirty-eight years has been well known in business circles as a dealer in sand. He has shipped sand to all the surrounding business and industrial centers as far as Chicago, but because of general business conditions was forced to discontinue in 1931. He has led a busy and useful life and his enterprise won for him substantial success for a long period.

In 1893 Mr. Graham was united in marriage to Miss May Pierson and they are the parents of six children: Ferrell, Lyle E., Chalmer, Mark, Loren and Howard. Mr. Graham makes his home in Gladstone and is widely known throughout western Illinois. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and is a loyal follower of the teachings and purposes of the craft. In politics he is a democrat and in 1932 was elected precinct committeeman of Gladstone township, to which office he was re-elected in 1934. On the 22d of November, 1933, he was appointed highway maintenance patrolman of Section 411 and is still acting in that capacity, making an excellent record by his fidelity to duty and the sound judgement which he displays in performing the service entrusted to him.

OWEN J. KELLY

Owen J. Kelly, who on the 19th of March, 1934, was appointed by President Roosevelt to the office of postmaster of Farmington, was born January 26, 1899, in the city which is still his home, and is the son of Patrick B. Kelly, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. He acquired his education in the public schools of Farmington and then learned the barber's trade under his father, with whom he became actively associated in business. For fourteen years he continued his work in the shop, which is thoroughly modern and well equipped and which he and his father still own. During this period Owen J. Kelly also sold automobiles for a period of five years. He was reared by an active democratic father and has always given his support to the party, in the work of which he has taken a helpful interest since reaching his majority. Most of the time he has preferred to work as a private citizen rather than as an official, but on the 26th of June, 1933, he became acting postmaster at Farmington to fill out an unexpired term and was appointed to the office for a four years' term on the 19th of March, 1934. He thus controls the postal interests of his native city and is making an excellent record by the prompt and systematic manner in which he discharges his duties.

In 1924 Mr. Kelly was married to Miss Agnes Jane Wilson, of Farmington, and they are widely and favorably known here. Mr. Kelly belongs to the Masonic fraternity and loyally follows the teachings of the craft.

MARY (McFADDEN) REARDON

Mary (McFadden) Reardon, who is filling the position of postmaster at La Salle, is a native of La Salle county, Illinois, having been born in Oglesby. She is a daughter of Daniel and Johanna McFadden, both of whom are now deceased. They spent their entire lives in La Salle and Bureau counties, and Mr. McFadden was always an active and influential democrat but never aspired to office, preferring to concentrate his efforts and attention upon other duties and activities.

His daughter Mary supplemented her early educational training by a course of study at the Northern Illinois State Teachers College of DeKalb. She then became a teacher at Springvalley and subsequently entered the employ of the Graham & Sons banking institution of Chicago, becoming the assistant cashier.

In 1911 Mary McFadden gave her hand in marriage to John Joseph Reardon, who is engaged in mercantile business in La Salle. They have become parents of three children: Mrs. Mary Otterstrom, of Evanston, Illinois;

and John and Don, both at home. Mr. Reardon has also been an active leader in the democratic party. He is a nephew of former attorney general P. J. Lucey.

In July, 1934, Mrs. Reardon received a commission as postmaster of La Salle, this coming in recognition of her ability and of her loyalty to the democratic party. She served on the twelfth district central committee of the women's democratic organization from 1930 until 1932 and had previously been very active in the women's work of the party. She never hesitates to express her honest convictions and her labors have been effective. She acted as a hostess at the democratic breakfast which was given preceding the National Convention in 1932 and she is one of the very few women who have been made postmaster of a post office of the first class. She is a member of the La Salle Women's Club and occupies an enviable position in social circles.

JOSEPHINE RAY

Josephine Ray, who is filling the office of county recorder of Vermilion county and occupies a suite of rooms in the courthouse in Danville, is a native of Springfield, Illinois, her parents being Louis and Emily (Hudson) Colvin. Her father was an engineer, employed on the Illinois Central, and the greater part of his life was spent in this state. To him and his wife were born three children: William T., who is living in Springfield; Bessie, the wife of Enoch Kight, of Rossville; and Josephine.

The last named spent her girlhood days under the parental roof and in early womanhood gave her hand in marriage to George A. Ray, a representative democrat of Rossville. He was born on a farm which his parents occupied and cultivated near Rossville, Vermilion county, in 1869. His early education was obtained in the country schools and he afterward attended the Rossville high school, while later he pursued a course in commercial law at Crawfordsville, Indiana. He next became a law student in the Chicago-Kent College of Law. He had to work his way through and did not attend continuously, for at periods he had to wait until his finances permitted him to return. However, he was admitted to the bar in 1897 and at once took up practice. In his profession he has made steady progress and he continued to practice law until elected to the general assembly in 1914. He is a representative of one of the old-line democratic families, his father and his grandfather having both supported the party. Mr. Ray passed away December 24, 1931. Mrs. Ray had never sought office previous to that time but was elected to the position of county recorder. She read law in early womanhood and was associated with her husband in his law office, so that her experience made an excellent background for her present duties as county recorder. She is systematic, thorough and efficient in performing the work of the office and has made a splendid record in her present position.

Mrs. Ray has always been very active in church work and holds membership in the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Rossville. She is also prominent in the Eastern Star and has held every office in the chapter, while in 1933 she became queen of the White Shrine (Ascha) of Jerusalem. She is likewise a leading member of the Danville Business and Professional Women's Club and is influential in all the different organizations with which she is associated.

ALBERT P. AYERSMAN

Albert P. Ayersman, of Coal City, has been a lifelong democrat and served for thirteen years as precinct committeeman. He was born west of Bloomington, in Tazewell county, Illinois, April 19, 1861, and is a son of Jacob and Julia Ayersman, both of whom have passed away. The father was an active democrat even during the Civil war but was very loyal to the Union and contributed liberally to the cause.

Albert P. Ayersman was educated in the common schools and during his early life worked on a farm. He afterward entered the employ of the Gibson

Canning Company of Gibson City, Illinois, with which he remained for six years, and while there he shipped canned goods to Henry Horner, grandfather of the present governor of the state. Subsequently he was connected with the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company, located at Coal City, entering the transportation department in 1889. He remained with the corporation until he was retired on a pension. He had served as fireman, was promoted to brakeman and later was made freight conductor. Then, because of his eyes, he was made a switchman at Coal City and occupied the position for a number of years, doing his work so close to his home that his children could call to him while he was on duty.

On the 12th of December, 1886, Mr. Ayersman was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Sinen and to them have been born nine children, namely: Raymond, Francis, Robert, Ann, Stephen, Bernard, Celia, Catherine and Albert. Raymond, Francis and Albert died in infancy. Robert grew to manhood, married Marie Walker, November 11, 1916, and they had four daughters, Vivian, Dorothy, Mellia and Katherine Jean. Robert died May 23, 1928. Ann married Edward Weir and they live in Oak Park, Illinois. Stephen married Gertrude Ryan and they have one son, John. Bernard married Zola Thompson and they have two children, Bernard and Celia. Celia married John J. Cinotto and they have four children, Celia, Robert, Marilyn and Darlene. Catherine married Earl Borrie and has one daughter, Patricia. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and formerly Mr. Ayersman was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland in 1884 and he never fails to vote in the democratic primary. For thirty years he was precinct committeeman and was chairman of the county central committee for two years. He attended the judicial convention in Ottawa and has been present at various conventions and democratic gatherings in Springfield, making at least twenty trips to the capital city while he was county chairman. He is recognized as an indefatigable worker in support of democracy and his labors have been far-reaching and resultant. The fact that he has retired from business gives him leisure to take helpful part in politics and he is always ready to give a reason for the faith that is in him.

CLAUDE E. KNOLES

Claude E. Knoles, a representative of the highway patrol service of Illinois, residing in Athens, Menard county, was born in this county, April 14, 1882, his parents being Eli and Emma (Hart) Knoles, both of whom are still living, the father having now reached the age of eighty-three years. Both have always been supporters of the democratic party. The brother of Eli Knoles, Sam Knoles, was state's attorney of Menard county and also represented this district in the state legislature, so that the family has been closely connected with the political history of this section of Illinois.

Claude E. Knoles is indebted to the public school system of the county for the educational opportunities which equipped him for life's practical and responsible duties. After his textbooks were put aside he began farming, which he followed in Menard and Sangamon counties with the exception of about eight or nine years which he devoted to working for a furniture company in Los Angeles, California, and to working at the carpenter's trade in the vicinity of Athens, Illinois. He has been an active democrat in both Menard and Sangamon counties, and recognition of his worth to the party came in his appointment to the position of highway maintenance patrolman January 22, 1933, so that he has now served in this connection for about two years.

In 1905 Mr. Knoles was united in marriage to Miss Josie Woodruff and they are the parents of a son, Carroll, who is in the United States Navy. Mr. and Mrs. Knoles are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and are interested in all that pertains to the material, social, political and moral welfare of the community.

MRS. ANNA B. VAWTER

Mrs. Anna B. Vawter, who in 1932 was elected vice chairman of the Marion county democratic central committee and who takes helpful interest in furthering the work of the party, makes her home in Salem, her native city, where she was born November 14, 1872. She is a daughter of Albert and Catherine (Aker) Allmon. Her mother, too, was born in Salem in the year 1846, her people having come to Illinois from Virginia in 1832. The ancestors of Mrs. Vawter in the paternal line came from Tennessee about the same year, and both the Allmon and Aker families took active part in the early and substantial development of Marion county. Albert Allmon was born in Salem in 1841 and became one of the early merchants of the city. In politics he was a staunch democrat and was called to serve in several public offices, doing active duty as city councilman and later as mayor. He was keenly interested in civic affairs and cooperated in any movement to advance the upbuilding of his community. He died in 1919 and his wife survived him for only a few months.

Passing through consecutive grades in the public schools until completing the high school course, Anna B. Allmon afterward took up the profession of teaching, which she followed for four years in the country schools of Marion county, while subsequently she taught in other parts of the state until 1895, in which year she was married to Charlie Baker of Warsaw, Indiana, who died in 1916. In 1923 she was married a second time, becoming the wife of John H. Vawter, who was born in Salem in 1860, a son of Reuben T. and Eleanor M. (Kimball) Vawter. His father, a native of Tennessee, came to Marion county, Illinois, in 1850 and established a tailor shop in Salem, where he continued his residence until his death in 1862. His wife, who was also born in Tennessee, died in 1903. Their son, John H. Vawter, was educated in the schools of Salem and in early manhood engaged in the coal business, while subsequently he gave his attention to the produce business. In 1901 he established a hardware store, which he afterward sold, and he is now concentrating his energies and attention upon manufacturing interests. He has always led a life of marked industry and is widely and favorably known in this community. The First National Bank of Salem numbers him among its directors and he is also a director of the Illinois Bond Company and the Reliance Loan Company and president of the Marion County Mutual Insurance Company. In politics he has always consistently supported the democratic party and has been an effective worker in its ranks. He served as chairman of the Marion county democratic central committee during the Bryan campaign in 1896 and back of his activity was a long-time friendship for Mr. Bryan, with whom he had attended the local and country schools. For two terms Mr. Vawter was mayor of Salem and wisely and carefully directed municipal interests. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, and his interest in local welfare is shown in his connection with the Chamber of Commerce. By a former marriage to Maggie T. Garner he had four daughters: Lillian G., Hattie N., Marietta and Irene.

Like her husband, Mrs. Vawter has long been an earnest worker for democratic successes. In fact from early girlhood her interest has centered in politics to a considerable extent and in 1896 she, too, was a champion of Bryan. For several years she has served as committeewoman and in 1932 was elected vice chairman of the Marion county democratic central committee and is also chairman of the Marion County Women's Democratic Club. On various occasions she has been sent as delegate to congressional and judicial conventions and was a visitor to the democratic national convention in St. Louis. Her aid and influence are ever found on the side of reform, progress and improvement. During the World war she was very active as chairman of the Marion County Council of Defense and had charge of the Red Cross work. She belongs to the Marion County Women's Club and for six years was president of the library board, with full recognition of the value of this institution as an educative and cultural force in the community.



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COLONEL CENTENNIAL BURNETT

Colonel Centennial Burnett, who is Baldwin's postmaster and a well known representative of the democratic party in Randolph county, was born June 2, 1876, in the county where he still lives, his parents being Andrew and Rhoda (Preston) Burnett. He became an eighth grade pupil in the acquirement of his education and after his school days he concentrated his efforts and attention upon the occupation of farming, which he followed until 1910. In that year he was appointed to the position of assistant postmaster of Baldwin and served for eighteen months, on the expiration of which period he became a salesman with the Wehrheim Mercantile Company of Baldwin, with which he remained until 1917, or for a period of about six years. He next became agent for the Southeastern Express Company and held that position until 1928. In 1919 he was appointed postmaster by President Woodrow Wilson and served for four years, while at the same time he conducted the express agency. In 1927 he engaged in the drug business in Baldwin and is still owner and manager of a well appointed pharmacy, carrying a carefully selected line of drugs and druggist's sundries, in which connection he has built up a satisfactory trade as the result of his progressive methods and earnest efforts to please his patrons.

On the 9th of May, 1900, in Baldwin, Illinois, Mr. Burnett was united in marriage to Miss Anna Lyons and they are the parents of two children, Hazel N. and Helen M. The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Burnett is serving as an elder, taking an active and helpful interest in everything that pertains to the growth of the church. Fraternally he is a Mason who loyally follows the teachings of the craft and he is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically a democrat, he has voted with the party since attaining his majority and his faithfulness to its interests again led to his appointment to the position of acting postmaster on the 1st of September, 1933. He received his commission January 17, 1934, and now for the second term is promptly and systematically discharging the duties of his political position.

JOHN D. McPHAIL

John D. McPhail, state inspector of foods and dairies, with offices at Royalton, has been a resident of Illinois for years. He is a native of Kentucky, his birth having occurred in Simpson county, that state, September 3, 1872, his parents being Alexander C. and Jemima (Phillips) McPhail. The father served for five years as a corporal in the Second Illinois Cavalry of the Union Army during the Civil war.

The public schools afforded John D. McPhail his educational opportunities and at an early age he engaged in farming, which occupation claimed his time and attention until 1918. He afterward followed various pursuits until 1932 and since that time he has served in public office. In fact he had occupied political positions for some time previously, having been a member of the board of supervisors in Franklin county, Illinois, from 1913 until 1918. In 1921 he was again elected to the office and served for two years. He acted as deputy tax collector over a period of three years and was highway commissioner from 1904 until 1909. On the 2d of September, 1933, he was appointed as state inspector in the division of foods and dairies and is now acting in that capacity. He has attended a number of conventions and has been committeeman in his precinct for twelve years—a fact which is indicative of his active connection with the party through this entire period. He has worked unfalteringly for the best interests of democracy and is well informed concerning the vital issues and questions of the day.

On the 27th of October, 1891, in Franklin county, Illinois Mr. McPhail was united in marriage to Miss Mary Greenwood and they are the parents of nine children, namely: Otto, William, Lloyd, Della, Emsy, Lester, Roy, Mary and Louis. The family attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr.

McPhail holds membership, and he is also affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Something of the nature of his recreation is indicated in the fact that he is a member of the Blue Wing Hunting Club and his social, genial disposition makes him popular in all the different organizations with which he is identified.

GEORGE RINKENBERGER

George Rinkenberger, a political leader of Tazewell county who has acceptably filled many local offices, rendering valuable service to his community in these connections, is also regarded as one of the representative business men of Washington, where he is now extensively engaged in the wholesale automobile supply business, having at the time other commercial interests. He is a native of Washington, Illinois, and the only child of William and Mary (Stumpf) Rinkenberger, who are esteemed pioneer residents of this community. The father founded the well known lumber industry in Washington in 1899 and was for many years also a successful contractor, having erected many of the earlier buildings of this region and adjacent communities. He has contributed in substantial measure to the progress and improvement of Tazewell county, where he still resides and is the active manager of The William Rinkenberger Lumber Company.

George Rinkenberger was educated in the local schools and after his textbooks were put aside he joined his father in the conduct of various enterprises, particularly in the management of the lumber company. In 1908 he established the Washington Auto Supply Company as a wholesale concern dealing in automobile supplies. In this he was a pioneer and his foresight and courage have been rewarded by the growth of the business to its present proportions. He now has a sales force of six men and covers the territory of central Illinois. In business affairs he displays sound judgement and unfaltering enterprise that has led to substantial results.

In early manhood Mr. Rinkenberger was united in marriage to Nellie Keil, a native of Washington, Illinois. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained high rank. He is a past master of the local Masonic Lodge and member of other Masonic bodies including the local Royal Arch Chapter and Council, and Eastern Star, also the Commandery, Consistory and Mohammed Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Peoria, Illinois. He is likewise a member of the Odd Fellows. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran Church. In politics he has always been a stalwart democrat. He was alderman for two terms and for four terms, from 1924 to 1932, was mayor of Washington, also was the democratic candidate for congress in 1928. As the city's chief executive he gave to it a businesslike and progressive administration that resulted in much benefit to the municipality. During his service as mayor a complete new waterworks system was installed, including new pumps and tower, also new piping. The new city hall was being built under his regime, and also he rebuilt the city public park, which is the downtown square.

G. H. BOEMER

G. H. Boemer, a resident of Columbia, now connected with the state retail tax department, was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, February 20, 1882, and traces his ancestry to Germany, where his grandfather was born. The latter established the family in the new world and became secretary of a drug company in St. Louis. His son, Fred Boemer, was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, and made farming his life work to the age of fifty years, when he left the work of the fields and removed to the village of Millstadt, where for twenty-five years he filled the office of street commissioner, his death there occurring in September, 1933, when he had reached the venerable age of eighty-seven years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Katherine Miller, was born near Millstadt, where her family were well-to-do farming people.

G. H. Boemer is a product of the St. Clair county public schools and the

high school of Millstadt, and he also supplemented his earlier training by a two years' course in a night high school in St. Louis. Starting out in the business world, he spent eleven years with the Fleishmann Yeast Company, this long connection being incontrovertible proof of his fidelity to the interests which he represented. He then became agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, working over a considerable part of Illinois for a period of nine years, at the end of which time he was elected county clerk. He served in office for a year and in 1922 returned to the Metropolitan Life, with which he was then associated for two years. He has always been an active democrat and his party named him for the office of county sheriff in 1926, but he was defeated. He was also the unsuccessful candidate for county judge in 1930. In the meantime he had entered the commercial field by opening a restaurant in Columbia, which he still conducts. His connection with official service in Illinois is that of investigator or field agent in the state department of finance, his duties being in connection with the retail occupational tax. Mr. Boemer is an accomplished musician and at various periods in his life has been a member of bands and orchestras as cornet player, at one time being connected with the Ringling Circus band.

In 1908 Mr. Boemer was married to Miss Mabel Schartzler, who was born in Sangamon county, Illinois. Her grandfather, the Rev. James Schartzler, was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, and letters which were written to him by Lincoln are now in her possession. Her mother's family are prominent in Christian county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Boemer have a daughter, Audrey Anne, and they hold membership in the Evangelical Church. Mr. Boemer has no fraternal or club connections outside of politics but was one of the organizers of the Monroe County Jeffersonian Club, of which he is a past president, and also belongs to the local organization of the Roosevelt-Horner Club, of which he is now president. He finds recreation in fishing but obtains his greatest enjoyment from music, in which art his talent is well developed.

JOHN WILLIAM MONTGOMERY, M. D.

Dr. John William Montgomery, who for more than a third of a century has engaged in the active practice of medicine and surgery at Birds, was born in Crawford county, Illinois, January 25, 1872, a son of Abner and Marinda (Pinkstaff) Montgomery. The first of the family to settle in Crawford county was Andy Montgomery, who was born in Ireland and on coming to the United States made his way to Illinois, casting in his lot with the pioneer residents. Andrew Pinkstaff, the maternal grandfather of Dr. Montgomery, became a resident of Lawrence county, Illinois, in 1848. Abner Montgomery, the Doctor's father, was born in Crawford county, Illinois, and devoted his life to farming. He was a staunch democrat, as were the other members of the family, and the Pinkstaff family were likewise loyal in their adherence to democracy. They had been slaveholders in Kentucky before settling in Illinois and were related to Jefferson Davis.

John William Montgomery acquired his early education in the country schools of his native county and then pursued a preparatory course in the University of Louisville at Louisville, Kentucky. He next entered the Louisville College of Medicine, from which he was graduated in 1892, receiving the M. D. degree, and he gained valuable experience through service as an interne in the Louisville County Hospital. He then located for practice in Southwest township, Crawford county, Illinois, where he remained until 1900, when he established his home in Birds, Lawrence county, this state. Here he has followed his profession continuously since and in the intervening period of thirty-four years has been accorded a large practice for which he has ever shown a conscientious regard, giving his patients from the best of his ability and at all times keeping abreast with the latest scientific researches and discoveries that have to do with medical practice. The Doctor has also been active in democratic politics since attaining his majority and in 1898 was elected a committeeman of Southwest

township, while for three years he served on the democratic central committee of Crawford county. Since removing to Lawrence county he has for the past sixteen years been a member of the county central committee here. Since 1897 he has attended all state conventions and also the congressional and judicial conventions, and he has always been out in support of the entire ticket. He was appointed by Governor Henry Horner as district health superintendent in the department of public health, and is now acting in that capacity.

In 1903 Dr. Montgomery married Miss Laura Gearheart, a daughter of Isaac and Rachel (Taylor) Gearheart, whose people came from Kentucky to Illinois and were among the pioneer democratic families of this state. Dr. and Mrs. Montgomery are the parents of two sons, the elder being Walter A., who is a graduate of the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College at Charleston and is now district superintendent with the Western Pipe Line Company at Iraan, Texas. The younger son is Carson G., who is a graduate of the University of Illinois and is now employed as foreman of the gauge department of the Western Pipe Line Company at Iraan, Texas. Dr. Montgomery is a Mason, loyally following the teachings of the craft, but the major part of his time and attention is concentrated upon his professional interests and since 1900 he has efficiently served as health officer of Birds. For three terms he was president of the Lawrence County Medical Society and he is also a member of the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

HERBERT H. LEDBETTER

The last few decades have witnessed the introduction and development of a new business—that which has to do with the radio. It is into this field that Herbert H. Ledbetter has directed his efforts, being now owner of a well equipped and appointed radio shop in Elizabethtown, Hardin county. It was in this town that he was born June 16, 1906, his parents being Joseph Walker and Callie (Hetherington) Ledbetter. He finished his education with a two years' course in the high school of his native village and then turned his attention to the radio business. He is now equipped to give a valuable radio service and to do all kinds of repair work in this line in Elizabethtown and has gained a liberal and well merited patronage. He thoroughly understands the radio and its possibilities and through his business he has added much to the joy of many a household in this locality by bringing homes into direct connection with the outside world.

On the 30th of November, 1928, in Elizabethtown, Illinois, Mr. Ledbetter was united in marriage to Miss Lucile Denton and they are the parents of two children, Mary Elizabeth and James Walker. Politically Mr. Ledbetter is a democrat, having supported the party since attaining his majority. On the whole he has never been an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his energies and attention upon business affairs, but on the 17th of March, 1933, he was appointed to the position of highway patrolman.

MICHAEL SHANNON

Michael Shannon was born near Blocton, Alabama, August 18, 1895. His father, Michael Shannon, Sr., was also a native of Alabama, his natal year being 1861. He was born near Montevallo, Alabama, but early in his childhood moved to Blocton, which is situated in the coal mining district of Alabama. He became a coal miner and lived in the south until 1923, when he came to Illinois. He was a democrat in his political views but not active as an office holder. Some of his brothers, however, were quite prominent in local democratic circles in Alabama. Mr. Shannon married Addie Prather, who was born in that state and is now living with her son, Michael, in Johnston City. Her father, Joseph J. Prather, was a Confederate soldier during the Civil war, enlisting from North Carolina. As a means of livelihood he followed farming and also became a mason contractor. His political views were those of the democratic party.



HERBERT H. LEDBETTER

When a lad of six years, Michael Shannon enrolled as a public school pupil in Bloeton, Alabama, and mastered the work of the various grades until he became a high school student. From the age of fourteen years he earned his own living by working part-time in the coal mines of Alabama. Much of his life in subsequent years has been devoted to similar labor.

In 1917, following America's entrance into the World war, he joined the United States Navy, with which he was on duty until 1920, when he was honorably discharged. In the same year, he came to Illinois and located at Johnston City, Williamson county, where he now resides. In 1926, he was elected to the board of county supervisors on the democratic ticket, this coming as an acknowledgement of his faithfulness to the party and his effective work in its behalf. He was formerly an alderman of Johnston City. At present he is a member of the democratic county central committee of Williamson county. On October 1, 1933, Mr. Shannon received an appointment from Governor Henry Horner as parole agent in the department of public welfare, in which office he is now serving.

Mr. Shannon was reared in the Catholic Church. He is a member of the American Legion, the Elks and the United Mine Workers of America and has always been active in the affairs of these organizations.

CATES FAMILY

The name of the Cates family was of Alpine-Nordic-French and English origin. It started in Normandy, France, in the eleventh century—1066. The coat of arms of this family described as Heraldic Argent three cats, on a ground of silver are superimposed three black cats in the attitude of walking. (The cat is the emblem of liberty and naturally hates to be shut in.)

The Cates family has been distinguished according to the symbolism of the ancestors of Heardly for the courage and the love of freedom of its members, who have been noted for their sincerity and determination of purpose. The name has been spelled Cat, Catt, Cate, Cates, the "S" was added while the name was passing through its Nordic transition, etymology which means the son of Cate. It has been spelled Kat, Katt, Kate, Kates, Katz. A partial history of the Cates family of the New England branch is now in the Congressional Library in Washington, D. C. Two men, Joe Cates, age seventeen, and John Cates, age twenty-three, emigrated from Catesville, England, and landed in Norfolk, Virginia, in August, 1635, of whom the Doctor is a descendant. The family lived in Virginia for several generations. About 1750 some of them emigrated to Hillsboro, Orange county, North Carolina, and later two families emigrated west, one going to Kentucky, the one the Doctor is descended from going to Tennessee. The Doctor's great-grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Cates, and wife, Susan, emigrated to Dahlgren, Hamilton county, Illinois, some time between 1820 and 1835 and there they died. The Doctor's grandfather, Ephriam E. Cates, was born in Tennessee August 16, 1810, and died September 15, 1875, in Berry township, Wayne county, Illinois. His wife, Nancy Stroud, was born February 5, 1810, two miles east of Morrison, Warren county, Tennessee. The house in which she was born was built about one hundred-fifty years ago and is still occupied as a residence. She was the daughter of Thomas and Hannah Robertson Stroud, the former born March 15, 1778, his wife was born December 11, 1783. Early in life they went from one of the Carolinas to Tennessee, secured a large tract of land, owned many slaves, and raised fourteen children. All these children and their families lived and died in Tennessee except one son who went to Arkansas early in life, and never married and died there. The Doctor's grandmother died in Wayne county, Illinois, in Arrington, now Berry township, February 21, 1856. The Doctor's grandparents were married at the old Stroud homestead two miles east of Morrison, Tennessee, November 30, 1831. They lived in Tennessee till five of their eight children were born, as follows: Benjamine Franklin, born August 29, 1832, married Sarah Irwin, December 10, 1850, and died April

5. 1882. William M., born September 29, 1834, married Harriet Johnson, November 1, 1854, died May 14, 1915. He died June 15, 1908. Hannah was born June 23, 1836, married William M. Dawson, September 28, 1854, died December 28, 1891. Martha Rebekah, born April 12, 1839, married William Harlan, March 27, 1856. He was killed at the battle of Shiloh. Then she married Peter Jones, April 20, 1866. She died February 1, 1913, and he died July 4, 1896. Ardenia was born April 9, 1840, married Martin R. Brown, October 29, 1859, died August 3, 1904. The others were born at Dahlgren, Hamilton county, Illinois. Andrew Clinton was born March 15, 1842, married November 2, 1859, died February (about the 10th), 1877, married Malissa Estes, November 2, 1859. Lorenzo E., born April 27, 1846, married Mary Elizabeth Jones, January 5, 1868, died about October 7, 1886. He died November 1, 1924. Winfield Duane Cates, born December 20, 1847, was married to Marinda Artemissia Austin, February 24, 1867, by J. W. Hillard. He died January 14, 1914. She died July 2, 1931. She was born April 3, 1850, in Portage county, Ohio. To this union six children were born, three died in infancy. Ross Madison Cates was born August 2, 1881, never married, died October 20, 1906 in Wayne City, Illinois. He served in the United States army for more than six years, and fought in the Philippine Insurrection. Zora May Cates was born May 6, 1875, married Thomas Johnson, July 1, 1890, died March 24, 1913. They had two children. Lewis E. Johnson, born July 19, 1891, was assassinated July 10, 1925, at Atlanta, Georgia, while at his post of duty. He was a recruiting officer of the United States army, buried at Salem, Illinois, July 12, 1925, married Hattie Branson, February 10, 1915. They had three children. Mary Malissa Johnson was born June 22, 1894. She was married to V. A. Bates, has four children.

The Doctor's maternal grandparents were Alexander Austin, born in Connecticut, died near Sedgwick, Kansas. He married Malinda Bull, December 25, 1845, she died October 9, 1862, in Bourbon, Indiana. They had eight children; Melvina was born June 16, 1846, married December 18, 1861, died April 9, 1875. Marinda Artemissia was born April 3, 1850, married February 24, 1867, died July 2, 1931. Her father was a Civil war veteran, was a cooper and fought in the battle of Pearidge Arkansas. Thomas Wilbur, born April 24, 1852, married July 14, 1887, died March 5, 1926, at Wayne City, Illinois, Valoris A. was born November 29, 1856, married July 2, 1888, lives in Philadelphia. Asa was born in 1848, died in Topeka, Kansas about 1873. James born 1857, died at Leesburg, Indiana, 1863; Mary born April 1, 1862, died at Louisville, Clay county, Illinois, December, 1868; Benjamin Franklin Austin, born about 1873, lives at Valley Center, Kansas.

The Doctor's great-grandfather was Thomas Bull, born April 25, 1801, married Hannah Bowman, June 3, 1827. She was born September 2, 1806, died November 24, 1847. He died July 16, 1881. They had seven children.

Malinda born March 12, 1829, married Alexander Austin, December 25, 1845. She died October 9, 1862. Eliza born January 30, 1831, married James Garry about 1852, died 1872. Samuel born November 16, 1833, died December 22, 1915, at Orlando, Florida, buried at Fairfield, Illinois. Lutitia was born April 1, 1836, married George Miller, died at Rinard, Illinois. Mary was born February 16, 1838, married Henry Martin Twadell, died February 15, 1919. Lusetta was born August 1, 1840, married James Condron, had one son, Charlie. She died June 27, 1868. Ephriam born October 13, 1842, died November 27, 1892. Asa Bull was born April 30, 1845, died July 22, 1874.

Dr. Cates was born Sunday morning on the northwest corner of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 28, town one south, range 6 east of the third principal meridian, Wayne county, Illinois. This place is known as the Joe Holley corner. He married Mary M. Hillard, September 6, 1893. She was the daughter of James W. and Sarah Daugherty Hillard. He was born November 29, 1826, married Sarah Daugherty, August 22, 1852, died September 14, 1911. She was born April 24, 1831, died October 16, 1904. To this union ten children

were born; George born June 14, 1853, married February 4, 1875, died May 5, 1928. John born March 18, 1855, married September 18, 1877, still living. William, born March 1, 1857, married September 18, 1877, died January 21, 1928. James, born November 14, 1858, died January 15, 1929. Thomas, born December 21, 1860, married August 23, 1883, died February 27, 1928. David, born September 29, 1862, married June 2, 1887, still living. Sarah, born March 21, 1865, died July 8, 1877. Sylvester, born March 15, 1867, married June 17, 1888, still living. Mary M., born February 28, 1870, married September 6, 1893, still living. Hannah J. Hillard, born January 13, 1874, married September 6, 1893, died October 1, 1934.

Their grandfather was George Bell Hillard, born March 17, 1774, at New Bedford Bay, off the coast of Ireland, coming to America. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, fought at the battle of Lundy's Lane. He married Margaret S. Foraker, who was born on the 5th day of May, 1803, died December 8, 1876. They were married about March, 1824. To this union thirteen children were born; George W., born May 26, 1825, died January 23, 1826; James W., born November 29, 1826, married August 22, 1852, died September 14, 1911; Mary J., born April 23, 1828, married George Craig, died March 14, 1874; Margaret A., born July 16, 1830, married Windland, died December 3, 1875; Susana, born December 22, 1831, married James Gallagher, died January 20, 1872; William A. J., born June 22, 1833, died October 18, 1865, buried in St. Louis, Missouri; Mary E., born June 5, 1835, married Ambrose Daugherty, died and buried in Ohio; Sarah, born October 27, 1836, married Ambrose Jeffries, died January 20, 1872; George H., born November 7, 1838, married Elizabeth Green, July 25, 1858, and died October 8, 1912, at Independence, Missouri; David, born May 18, 1842, died June 25, 1842; Marie E., born August 20, 1840, married Broek, died August 15, 1862; Hannah Jane, born July 14, 1843, died February 27, 1851; John, born February 23, 1845, died May 6, 1862, at Cairo, Illinois.

E. M. Cates, M. D., R. P., was raised on a farm doing all kind of farmwork. He also made and hauled railroad ties by the hundreds, cut and hauled hundreds of saw logs, cutting and hauling cordwood, building rail fences, splitting rails, clearing timber land. He attended rural schools, never attending a full term of school, where he received his primary education. He not being physically able to perform such manly labor for self support he turned his attention to securing a better education. He attended Hayward Collegiate Institute at Fairfield, Illinois, after which he taught ten terms of school. Many of his pupils have climbed the hill of fame and were successful in their chosen professions. He finished teaching in what is known as "Old Liberty school house", north of Sims, Christmas week of 1898 and began teaching in the new schoolhouse in Sims, January 1, 1899. This was his last term of teaching. At this time he was preparing for a state life certificate in Illinois. On September 6, 1899, he entered the J. Marion Sims Medical School, now the St. Louis University, took a full four years' medical course, graduating at the Barnes Medical College, now the Mississippi Valley University, in May, 1903, receiving his M. D. degree. He began the practice of medicine on June 21, 1903, in Wayne City, Illinois. His ability in the practice of his profession has been second to none and he is regarded as one of the most outstanding physicians in Illinois. He passed the State Board of Pharmacy and opened a drug store at Wayne City, Illinois in 1906. He gives his time and attention to both pharmacy and the practice of medicine. He is licensed to practice medicine in Illinois, Missouri and Texas; also to practice pharmacy in Illinois and Texas. He is a member of the Wayne County and the Illinois Medical Societies. He keeps abreast of the trend of modern medicine and pharmacy, in touch with the latest researches and discoveries in both professions. He has always been an outstanding and untiring exponent of democratic principles; becoming an active worker in the ranks of the democratic party before he reached his majority. He cast his first presidential vote for Cleveland in 1892. He has been identified with every movement, state wide or otherwise, that has for its purpose the advancement of democratic principles. He served for many years

as precinct committeeman, and attended county, state, congressional, and judicial conventions as a delegate. He has been a member of the Wayne City public school board for several years. He is active in all civic affairs, his co-operation being a dependable factor in law enforcement and upholding good government. He has spent his time, effort, energy, and money for the democratic party and its candidates. He has been an outstanding ardent party worker at all times for the success of the democratic party and its principles, always outspoken for and in behalf of the common people. The Cates family is one of the oldest, largest, most highly respected families in the United States today, filling many of the highest professional callings as doctors, lawyers, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, ministers of the Gospel, all for the betterment of mankind and practically all are good progressive Roosevelt democrats.

FRED E. SITTON

Fred E. Sitton, a resident of Pittsfield and the present circuit clerk of Pike county, is a democrat whose unfaltering support of party principles is never in question. He had filled various local offices before being called to his present position. Pike county claims him as a native son. He was born July 19, 1887, his parents being William R. and Ida E. (Galloway) Sitton. The father, who was also a native of Pike county, devoted his life to farming and stock raising in Pleasant Hill township. He was actively interested in community affairs and always voted the democratic ticket. He served as road commissioner but gave the major part of his time and attention to his business activities. Both he and his wife held membership in the Christian Church of Pleasant Hill. The latter was born in Pike county, Illinois, September 1, 1868. William R. Sitton died in 1926. Their family numbered three children: Fred E., Rade V., of Pleasant Hill township, who is now serving as school trustee, and Beryl, the wife of Bernard Riley, a resident of Slater, Missouri.

The local schools of Pleasant Hill township afforded Fred E. Sitton his early educational opportunities and afterward he attended Brown's Business College of Jacksonville in 1906 and 1907. Starting out in the business world on his own account, he followed farming in Pleasant Hill township and gave his attention to his agricultural pursuits until official duties claimed his time. He has always been an active party worker in support of democracy and in 1909 was elected tax collector of Pleasant Hill township, serving for one year. In 1914 he became county supervisor from Pleasant Hill township and occupied the position for six terms or twelve years, during two years of which period he was chairman of the board. On the 2nd of November, 1926, he was elected county treasurer and his incumbency in that office covered four years. In 1932 his party named him as a candidate—this time for the office of circuit clerk, and the election that followed led to his induction into that position. He is systematic and careful in the discharge of his duties and is again adding to an unassailable official record.

On the 19th of September, 1909, Mr. Sitton wedded Luella Gant, a daughter of William C. and Rosella (Windmiller) Gant. Mrs. Sitton is a member of the Baptist Church while Mr. Sitton attends the Christian Church of Pittsfield. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

IRWIN KNUDSON

Irwin Knudson, residing in Newark, where he is filling the office of postmaster, was born in Kendall county, Illinois, March 4, 1899, a son of Ole and Sophia Knudson. The father devoted his time and attention to the occupation of farming, which he carried on extensively, owning a large acreage which he cultivated in a scientific and profitable manner. He spent his entire life in Kendall county and is yet survived by his widow, who still makes her home here.



FRED E. SITTON

Irwin Knudson acquired his education in the rural schools of the county and in the Plattville high school. When thus qualified by thorough educational preparation for the practical and responsible duties of life he took up farming, which he followed until he was made postmaster of Newark, having been appointed to the office on the 22d of May, 1934.

On the 14th of June, 1934, Mr. Knudson was united in marriage to Miss Clara Hjenvick. They hold membership in the Plattville Lutheran Church. Mr. Knudson has always been a democrat and for a number of years has been an acknowledged party worker whose labors are of benefit to the organization. He has been very active in the Young Men's Democratic Club of Kendall county. He is a second lieutenant of Company E of the Illinois National Guard at Plattville and has held that rank during the past six years. Kendall county is familiar with his record, which has always been a creditable and honorable one, for he has been actuated by high principles and in all matters of citizenship he has displayed a public-spirited devotion to the general good.

MADELINE E. (BRISCOE) BRANNICK

Madeline E. (Briscoe) Brannick, who is at the head of the post office at Minooka, in Grundy county, was appointed to the position on the 15th of March, 1934. She has always lived in this county, her birth having occurred on a farm three and one-half miles south of Minooka. Her parents were Peter H. and Margaret Ann (Burke) Briscoe and the mother is now deceased. The father, however, is still living, making his home in Joliet at the age of eighty-two years or more. He has ever been an active democrat since old enough to vote and still manifests a keen and helpful interest in political affairs. He served as township supervisor in Grundy county for sixteen or eighteen years, his long continuance in the office being proof of his faithfulness to duty and of the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen.

His daughter Madeline attended the local schools, was also a pupil in a convent at Morris for a time and later in the high school at Minooka. On the 6th of December, 1920, she became the wife of William Brannick, a farmer, and they are the parents of a daughter, Mary Patricia, who is thirteen years of age. Mr. Brannick is a son of Ambrose and Mary (Feehan) Brannick, of whom the former passed away in 1923, while the mother is still living, making her home with Mr. and Mrs. William Brannick. The father was an active democrat, always giving unfaltering support to the party ticket. His son William likewise has ever supported the party, works earnestly for its success. Mrs. Brannick, too, has been an active party worker for a number of years and deserves the recognition that came to her when she was made acting postmaster of Minooka on the 15th of March, 1934. She was made precinct committeewoman in 1932 and served until the spring of 1934 when she resigned. She has always lived in Grundy county, has a wide acquaintance within its borders and has gained many warm friends through the sterling traits of her character.

ANDERSON M. THOMPSON

In 1933 Anderson M. Thompson was appointed down-state investigator in the department of labor of Illinois and has since filled the position. A native of the state, he was born in Marion, Williamson county, May 16, 1885, a son of David L. and Lucinda (Goodall) Thompson. His paternal grandfather was a soldier in the Civil war. The father was a stalwart democrat and served as precinct committeeman in Marion for many years.

Anderson M. Thompson attended the public schools of his native city and is numbered among the high school alumni of the class of 1906. The following year he engaged in mercantile business in Marion and thus continued until 1910, when he sold his interests and became a member of the Marion police force, so serving until 1917. He then engaged in mining in various capacities and in 1922 was chosen as investigator in the legal department for the United Mine

Workers, in which position he rendered valuable service for a period of eleven years or until February, 1933.

In Marion, Illinois, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Frankie L. Crossen and to them have been born five children: Clarence Lester, Estes Eugene, Pauline Jane, Mary Evelyn and Tommy.

Since casting his first vote Mr. Thompson has supported the men and measures of the democratic party. He has been a delegate to all state conventions for a number of years and attended the national convention in Chicago in 1932. The following year brought him appointment to the position of down-state investigator in the department of labor. His previous experience with the mine workers' union well qualified him for the work and he has rendered good account of himself in this position. Since 1910 he has served his precinct as committeeman and is one of the earnest and effective workers for the democratic party in Williamson county. He belongs to the Roosevelt-Horner Club, is a member of the United Mine Workers of America and fraternally is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Loyal Order of Moose.

SAMUEL D. MOORE

Samuel D. Moore, a resident of Sesser, Franklin county, was born April 9, 1882, in the county which is still his home. His father, W. D. Moore, a native of Tennessee, was for many years a prosperous farmer of Illinois. W. D. Moore was a stalwart democrat in politics but the honors and emoluments of office had no attraction for him, his allegiance being given to the party because of a firm belief in its principles. He married Nancy McFatrieh, who was born in Franklin county, this state, and came of a family of farming people who were also adherents of the democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Moore were parents of five sons, and the former belonged to a family that numbered eleven children.

In his youthful days Samuel D. Moore attended the rural schools of Franklin county and since attaining his majority he has at various time been a farmer, trader and timber dealer, engaging in one or more of these pursuits at the same time. His official activity has covered service as township road commissioner and on election days he never fails to cast a ballot in support of democratic men and measures.

In 1902 Mr. Moore married Miss Lizzie Thompson, a native of Perry county, Illinois, and a daughter of Albert Thompson, who followed agricultural pursuits and was a strong democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Moore had one son, who was born in 1904 and died in 1927. Formerly Mr. Moore was identified with the Lions Club and with the Modern Woodmen of America. He turns for recreation to quail hunting and he owns a number of good bird dogs.

H. C. BRICE

H. C. Brice, deputy collector of internal revenue at Alton, was born in this city December 11, 1885, of the marriage of James G. and Josie (O'Halloran) Brice. The father was born in Ireland and in his boyhood arrived in the new world, becoming a resident of Madison county, Illinois. For many years he engaged in business as a traveling salesman. His wife was born in Jerseyville, this state.

The public and parochial schools of Alton accorded H. C. Brice his educational opportunities up to the time when he entered the Alton high school. After his textbooks were put aside he engaged in the grocery business in this city for several years and subsequently he became department manager for the Elder Manufacturing Company of St. Louis. In due course of time, however, actuated by a laudable ambition to carry on business on his own account, he organized the Brice & Ryan Clothing Company and for sixteen years conducted a well appointed store under that name. As a merchant he at all times displayed a spirit of marked enterprise and substantial results rewarded his efforts.

In 1911 Mr. Brice was united in marriage to Miss Mabel De Grand, of Alton,

Illinois. Mr. Brice belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Elks and also to Dad's Club, which sponsors playgrounds. His wife is active in the various societies of the Old Cathedral, of which they have always been members. Politically a democrat, Mr. Brice attends all the local conventions of his party and in December, 1932, he was appointed United States deputy collector of revenue under V. Y. Dallman. He had previously served for five years on the Alton police commission and for two years was chairman under the administrations of George T. Davis and Thomas Butler. He served for two years as a member of the Madison county central committee and is active in all party organization work, doing everything in his power to further the interests of democracy because of a firm belief in the principles of the party as factors in good government.

JAMES E. CUNNINGHAM

James E. Cunningham is a resident of Harvard, where he has long been engaged in the insurance business. Democracy in McHenry county finds him one of its staunch supporters and for fifty years he has been a precinct committeeman. Throughout the half-century period he has worked consistently for party principles and has held various local offices, the duties of which he has promptly and faithfully discharged. Mr. Cunningham was born in Dunham township, McHenry county, a son of Florence and Anne (Brady) Cunningham, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father came to America about 1836 and for eight years after his arrival lived on Staten Island, New York. He afterward spent about one year in Florida and about 1845 arrived in Illinois, settling in Chicago, where he was overseer on the old plank road from Chicago to Jefferson, occupying the position for five years. In 1853 he came to McHenry county and engaged in farming in Dunham township throughout his remaining days. Politically he was always a staunch democrat, never voting any other ticket.

James E. Cunningham was reared on the home farm, working in the fields in the summer and attending the public schools of Dunham township in the winter. In young manhood he taught for four terms in the rural schools. He lived on the old home farm for a half century, devoting his time and energies to its further cultivation. About 1916 he established his home in Harvard, where he has since lived. Mr. Cunningham has never faltered in his allegiance to the democratic party since casting his first vote. He served as commissioner of highways in Dunham township for twenty-seven years and has been a member of the drainage commission of the township for the past quarter of a century. He was also school trustee for fifteen years while living in Dunham township and he has served continuously as precinct committeeman since 1884. Wherever he could lend a hand to further democratic interests he has done so and his work has made him an outstanding figure in political circles in his section of the state.

WALTER H. BOLTE

Walter H. Bolte, a member of the state highway police and a resident of Geneseo, was born December 11, 1898, in the city which is still his home, his parents being Henry and Mary (Wendt) Bolte. The father was a well known merchant, having engaged in the hardware trade in Geneseo for thirty-five years, and he always gave his political support to the democratic party. He has passed away, but the mother still survives.

Walter H. Bolte was educated in the schools of Geneseo, being graduated from high school with the class of 1916. He then learned the trades of steam-fitting and plumbing, which he followed for some time, after which he was called to public office, serving for two years as a member of the city police force. On the 8th of March, 1933, he became a member of the highway maintenance police and is still acting in that capacity.

On the 12th of June, 1923, Mr. Bolte was married to Miss Helen Fritsch, of Geneseo, Illinois, and they are the parents of four children: Walter H., Jr., Norma Jean, Carol Dorene and Dorothy Josephine. Mr. Bolte and his family are members of the Lutheran Church. He has always been an active democrat

and is now serving as precinct committeeman. He takes a keen interest in civic affairs and every project for the welfare and upbuilding of his community receives his endorsement and support.

MRS. MAUDE (SMITH) PFEIFER

Mrs. Maude (Smith) Pfeifer, of Filson, who is a democratic committeeman of Douglas county, was born in Moultrie county, Illinois, December 23, 1885, her parents being William Henry and Eliza Lavona (Jones) Smith, who were natives of Ohio and came from that state to Illinois soon after the Civil war. They settled in Moultrie county, where the father engaged in farming and stock buying, devoting his remaining days to that business. He was a staunch democrat who never scratched his ticket. He died March 11, 1911, having for seventeen years survived his wife, who passed away in 1894.

After attending the public schools of Douglas county, Maude Smith was a student in St. Mary's of the Woods Academy in Indiana and thus completed her education. In 1901 she became the wife of Charles W. Pfeifer, who was born in Coles county, Illinois, July 14, 1880, a son of George M. and Pauline (Racer) Pfeifer, who were natives of Germany and came to the United States prior to the Civil war, at which time the family home was established in Coles county, Illinois. Louis Pfeifer, a brother of George M. Pfeifer, served with the Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the long struggle between the north and the south. George M. Pfeifer followed farming and was a well known representative of the agricultural interests of Coles county, where Charles W. Pfeifer was reared and educated. After attending the public schools the latter further pursued his studies in the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College at Charleston, and since putting aside his textbooks he has given his attention to agricultural pursuits, carefully and systematically cultivating his fields according to modern methods. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. To Mr. and Mrs. Pfeifer have been born the following named: Erma, the wife of Russell Allen, of Hindsboro, Illinois; Pauline, who is connected with the sales tax department in Springfield; Charles W., Jr., a farmer of Coles county, this state; and Smith E., at home. One daughter they raised, Helen Jenkins.

Mrs. Pfeifer has been an active worker in democratic ranks since 1922 and in 1932 was elected a committeeman from Arcola Precinct No. 4, to which office she was re-elected in 1934. She is very active in getting out the vote on election days and always supports the entire party ticket. She has attended several judicial, congressional and state conventions, either as a delegate or visitor, and was present at the inaugural of Governor Horner. She belongs to the Jeffersonian Club and to the Women's Democratic League of County Organizations of the State of Illinois. She, too, is identified with Masonry as a member of its women's auxiliary, the Eastern Star. She belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church and was president of its missionary society for ten years, while in other branches of the church work she has also taken helpful part. She is a member of the Women's Federated Club of Arcola and she is assistant superintendent of the culinary department of the State Fair. Her activities center in those interests which are of real benefit to a community and her labors have been effective in promoting public welfare.

PAUL J. UPTON

Paul J. Upton, a resident of Plainfield, Will county, is now occupying the position of inspector of the department of conservation. He was born January 12, 1902, in the town where he still makes his home, his parents being William and Lillian Upton, both of whom are deceased. They, too, were born and reared in Will county and the father was an active democrat, being one of only three of that political faith in Plainfield township for forty-five years. For many years he was engaged in the ice and ice cream business, making this one of the leading commercial interests in the community.



Maudie L. Pfeiffer.

Reared under the parental roof, Paul J. Upton attended the schools of Plainfield and after finishing the high school course studied law for two years in the office and under the preceptorship of the firm of Brundage & Gorman of Chicago. He then decided to abandon his idea of becoming a member of the bar and obtained a position as a salesman, being active in that line of business until he was made an inspector in the state department of conservation on the 1st of August, 1934. He is in charge of District No. 2, which comprises Will, Kankakee, Kendall, Kane and DuPage counties, his duties being those of game warden. His appointment came in recognition of his loyalty to the democratic party and his fitness for the office. He has always voted the democratic ticket and for four years was precinct committeeman. He served as a delegate at the convention which nominated the circuit judges and was a delegate at the state conventions in Springfield in 1932 and 1934. In 1930 there were only six democrats in his precinct but in 1932 two hundred and fifty democratic votes were cast in the same precinct. In 1933 a democratic ticket was placed in the field in his township for the first time in its history. Its supporters were successful and elected Bert McCauley to the township office of supervisor, he being the first man ever elected on the democratic ticket to a political position in Plainfield township, Will county. Many years ago William Upton, father of Paul J. Upton, was alderman in Plainfield, being the first democrat ever elected to office in that town. No others were elected in either town or township until Mr. McCauley received a majority of the votes. Mr. Upton's precinct went democratic in the 1932 general election for the first time in its history. This shows that some splendid work had been done by the party organizers, who got out the full strength of the party and whose effective labors prior to the election were strongly manifest. In religious faith Mr. Upton is a Catholic, being a communicant of St. Mary's Church in Plainfield, and he is also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

GEORGE F. HIGGINS

George F. Higgins, an enterprising merchant of Winfield, whose thorough reliability has won for him the unqualified confidence of the general public, has been numbered among the stalwart advocates of democracy since he was old enough to vote and is now serving as public administrator of Du Page county. He was born in Winfield, where he still makes his home, his natal day being September 27, 1891. His father, Sanders Moses Higgins, was born July 16, 1866, in Milton township, Du Page county, where his parents had settled in 1865. S. M. Higgins was station agent for the Chicago & North Western Railway for about ten years and in 1894 purchased a general store, which he conducted until his death, December 2, 1908. He was always a staunch democrat and active in local party affairs. For many years he was a member of the Du Page County Democratic Organization and he served as postmaster of Winfield for three years, 1894 to 1897, under appointment of President Cleveland. He was also justice of the peace at one time. He belonged to St. John's Catholic Church and also to the Catholic Order of Foresters. He was married November 30, 1889 to Barbara Berkes, who was born February 13, 1870, and they became the parents of eight children: George F., of this review; Henry G., a resident of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and a stalwart supporter of the democratic party; Richard M., who lives in Winfield; Antoinette, the wife of Ernest L. Miller, of Rockford, Illinois; Marie, who is the wife of Charles R. McCabe, of Winfield; Cornelia, the wife of Anthony Besch, of Winfield; Alice, the wife of Henry Neubauer, of Glen Ellyn, Illinois; and Clara, the wife of Adolph Beck, of Glen Ellyn. All of the above named are staunch democrats in politics.

George F. Higgins was reared and educated in Winfield and since attaining his majority has been doing effective service for the democratic party, working earnestly to promote the success of its candidates and secure the adoption of its principles. In 1914 he was elected precinct committeeman and has been

re-elected every two years since that time. That his labors have been far-reaching and resultant is shown in the fact that his precinct was the only one in the county to go democratic in 1932. While he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, he was appointed public administrator of Du Page county and is now serving in that capacity. As a business man of Winfield, he is well known in the community, where he is engaged in merchandising and in the coal trade, both lines being successfully conducted.

Mr. Higgins was married in 1914 to Miss Lena J. Schmidt, and they have a family of two children, Laurene and Roger.

EARL FLANAGAN

Earl Flanagan, of Woodlawn, investigator for the Illinois Commerce Commission, was born July 20, 1890, in Jefferson county, Illinois, and is a representative in the paternal line of one of the old families of the state. His father, Hugh Flanagan, was born in Washington county, Illinois, his people having come from Tennessee to this commonwealth in the late '40s. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for aid and joined the Illinois Infantry, while following his military experience he carried on farming in Jefferson county until his death, which occurred March 25, 1924. He staunchly supported the democratic party and was active in every campaign for the whole ticket. For many years he served on the county central committee and his belief in party principles as factors in good government never faltered. He married Elizabeth Billingsley, who was born in Tennessee but came to Illinois with her parents soon after the Civil war, the family settling in Georgetown, now Tamaroa.

The public school system of Jefferson county accorded Earl Flanagan his educational opportunities and when his textbooks were put aside he learned telegraphy, which he followed until December 27, 1932, being employed for twenty years by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. His long retention by this corporation well indicates his fidelity to duty and the efficiency which he displayed in the discharge of the tasks assigned him. On the 15th of February, 1933, he was appointed by Governor Henry Horner to the office of investigator for the Illinois Commerce Commission, in which capacity he is still serving. The party recognizes him as one of its stalwart champions in Jefferson county, where he has served as a member of the county central committee since April, 1930. He is also a member of the Jefferson Club and has taken an active interest in democratic politics since old enough to vote. In fact he accompanied his father on many campaign tours when in his teens and never yet has his interest in the political situation lapsed. He works earnestly for the support of the whole ticket and believes that in thorough organization the success of the party is assured.

On the 10th of October, 1912, Mr. Flanagan was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Blankenship, a daughter of John and Rose (Carter) Blankenship, members of a pioneer family of Jefferson county. Like her husband, Mrs. Flanagan has been active in the democratic fold since 1922 and belongs to the Jefferson County Women's Democratic Club. Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan have three children: Evelyn, Lyle and Virginia, who are attending school. Their religious faith is indicated by attendance and membership in the Christian Church and Mr. Flanagan is a faithful exemplar of the teachings of Masonry, belonging to Ashley Clay Lodge, while of the Modern Woodmen of America he is likewise a representative.

EUGENE L. O'BRIEN

Eugene L. O'Brien, residing at Crystal Lake, occupies the position of state highway engineer of Cook county. Born in Chicago, July 10, 1887, he is a son of Daniel and Margaret (Walsh) O'Brien. The father was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1856 and became manager of real estate interests in Chicago. He always gave staunch support to the democratic party. He died in 1891, his wife surviving until 1899.

Eugene L. O'Brien attended St. Vincent's parochial school of Chicago and continued his education in De Paul University, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1905. He afterward took postgraduate work in engineering in the same university and thus became thoroughly qualified for important work of that character. For the past twenty years he has superintended construction work and during the World war he built the wall for the inner harbor at Rochester, New York. Prior to that time he built the steam tunnel and three underpasses in connection with the new Union Depot at Kansas City, Missouri. For the past eight years he has been engaged in the paving business in Chicago. He is a high type of gentleman, modest almost to a fault, but the records bear evidence of his ability in the character of the work that has been entrusted to him.

On the 21st of May, 1913, Mr. O'Brien was united in marriage to Mary Lyons and they are the parents of four children, as follows: Eugene L., Jr., Margaret, Daniel and Mary. The family has resided in Crystal Lake since 1928. Mr. O'Brien has been active in democratic affairs since old enough to vote and in 1932 he was elected precinct committeeman, to which position he was re-elected in 1934. On the 1st of October, 1933, he was appointed highway engineer for Cook county. He has attended two national democratic conventions in Chicago and gives his cooperation at all times to further party interests. His wife is the present committeewoman for her precinct. They attend the Catholic Church and Mr. O'Brien is a member of the Knights of Columbus and also of the Elks lodge of Woodstock.

JOE GODDARD

Joe Goddard, supervisor of the highway maintenance patrol, with office in Dix, Jefferson county, was born in Flora, Northamptonshire, England, January 17, 1876, his parents being John and Anna Goddard. The father was a supporter of the conservative party in his native England and for a long term held the position of crier in his allotment in Flora.

Joe Goddard obtained his education in the common schools of Flora and came to America in 1906, when about thirty years of age. He settled first in St. Louis, Missouri, where he found employment as a stable boss with a large livery firm. In 1908 he removed to Dix, Illinois, and purchased the farm whereon he now resides. The place is carefully cultivated and everything about the farm indicates the supervision of an enterprising owner.

On the 16th of November, 1904, in Wellingborough, England, Mr. Goddard was united in marriage to Miss Ada Franklin and they are the parents of two children, Frances and Henry. Mr. Goddard belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a deacon. He takes a very active and helpful part in the church work and has taught the men's Bible class for sixteen years.

Politically a democrat, Mr. Goddard is ever loyal to the party and there is a most interesting story concerning his relation with Governor Horner. When the latter was campaigning through the state in October, 1932, he visited Mount Vernon and talked to the Jefferson county democratic committee. On that occasion Mr. Goddard, who was a committeeman, asked the Judge to pay his humble country home a visit. He also told the Judge to pay little heed to Jefferson county—that he (Goddard) would see to it that Horner would be a winner in the county, and he predicted a state victory for the democratic party in November. The following day Henry Horner visited Mr. Goddard's farm home, at which he spent two hours. Mr. Goddard was the owner of a prize flock of white turkeys, one of which was an exceptional specimen. Judge Horner said it was the finest turkey he had ever seen. Just before Thanksgiving that year, Mr. Goddard shipped this turkey to the Judge and it has since been his custom each Thanksgiving to supply a prize turkey for Governor Horner's dinner, a fine specimen being now fed especially for the Governor's Thanksgiving meal of 1934. Follow-

ing his election Governor Horner sent for Mr. Goddard and appointed him supervisor of highway maintenance patrol in February, 1933, with jurisdiction over five counties, thus doing something for the man whom he believed controlled the district for him. At the time Mr. Goddard's health would not permit such an undertaking and he was appointed supervisor of patrol in Jefferson county. He has been a committeeman in his precinct for twelve years and has attended all the conventions of his party in recent years. He is a dependable citizen and a reliable public official, and he has many friends throughout Jefferson county.

BRANSON WRIGHT

Branson Wright is widely known as an able young attorney of Bloomington, practicing as junior member of the law firm of Stone & Wright. He was born in Effingham, Illinois, December 4, 1898, his parents being William B. and Dora (West) Wright, also natives of this state. William B. Wright is a graduate of Valparaiso University of Indiana. He served on the board of law examiners for sixteen years and is now on the bench for the twenty-fourth year as circuit judge of the fourth judicial district at Effingham. In the local ranks of the democratic party he has long been a leader.

Branson Wright acquired his early education as a public school pupil of Effingham, Illinois, and continued his studies at Marion Institute for a year. Subsequently he spent two years at the United States Naval Academy of Annapolis, Maryland, by appointment of Dr. Foster, congressman from his home district. When this country declared war against Germany he enlisted in the National Guard, but he was never mustered into federal service. Having determined to follow in the professional footsteps of his father, he read law with the latter for three years and then entered the College of Law of Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, from which he was graduated in 1925 with the LL. B. degree. In 1924 he was admitted to the Illinois bar and also to practice in the federal court. While studying law he had been a court reporter for his father in Effingham and he also engaged in court reporting after coming to Bloomington. He began the practice of his chosen profession in association with Judge Murphy at Lincoln, Illinois, where he served as city attorney in 1926 and 1927. It was in 1929 that he left Lincoln for Bloomington and here joined the law firm of Stone & Taylor, which became Stone & Wright when Chalmer C. Taylor was elected circuit judge of the eleventh judicial district in 1933. Mr. Wright was appointed United States court commissioner by Judge Louis Fitzhenry, resigning after two years' service in February, 1934. He has membership in both the McLean County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association.

On the 25th of September, 1921, Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Janet C. Bronse, of Greenville, Illinois, and they are the parents of a daughter, Phyllis. Mrs. Wright, who possesses considerable musical talent, is a teacher of music on the faculty of Illinois Wesleyan University. Mr. Wright has always been a stalwart supporter of the democratic party. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Masonry and is a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the craft. He is also a member of the Greek letter fraternity Phi Delta Phi, likewise belongs to the American Legion and enjoys deserved popularity among his fellow members of the Bloomington Club.

FRANK M. HASKELL

Frank M. Haskell, who is engaged in the gas and oil business at Mattoon, was here born June 26, 1896, a son of Charles and Minnie (McLane) Haskell, both of whom were natives of Illinois. The father engaged for an extended period in the coal and gas business but departed this life on the 6th of February, 1931. His widow still survives and yet makes her home in Mattoon. In their family were the following named: Clarence; Myrtle, who passed away April 3, 1926, and who was the wife of J. I. Carlisle, engaged in the tar business in



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Charleston; Harve; Frank M., of this review; Raymond; Maggie, who died in infancy; Nellie, the wife of Fred House, a restaurant proprietor of Mattoon; Helen, the wife of John D. Freeman, who is in the garage business; and Harold, deceased.

Frank M. Haskell pursued his education in the Mattoon schools until he had completed the work of the tenth grade in the high school. He then turned his attention to the garage business, in which he is still engaged, and he also conducts a general tire business. Close application and unfaltering enterprise have been the chief features in his growing business success. In politics he has also taken an active part and succeeded his father as ward committeeman of the fourth ward. He had attended all of the local conventions of his party and at the 1934 primaries he was named as the democratic candidate for the office of state representative, to which he was elected in November. Fraternally he is connected with the Loyal Order of Moose, belonging to the lodge in Mattoon.

On the 9th of November, 1913, Mr. Haskell was married to Miss Helen Waggoner, a daughter of R. A. and Ruth (Kenney) Waggoner. The father was a shop man but is now deceased. The mother survives and is yet a resident of Mattoon. She was one of four children in the Waggoner family who are yet living, her brothers and sisters being: Joseph Waggoner, of Terre Haute, Indiana; Harry, who also makes his home in Terre Haute; and Anna, now the wife of Bert Spalding, who is employed by the Big Four Railroad at Mattoon. Mr. and Mrs. Haskell have five children: Francis, nineteen years of age; Harry, aged sixteen; Betty, thirteen; Frank M., Jr., eleven; and James Edmond, a lad of nine years. Mr. Haskell and his family attend the Methodist Church and are interested in all that makes for the benefit and betterment of the community. The family has always supported the democratic party, and the father of Frank M. Haskell had the notable record of serving for thirty-one years as alderman of the fourth ward, having at no time been defeated for the office. He died during his last term, which had only half expired when he was called away. He had been a most active worker for the party and its victories and his loss was widely felt in democratic circles. He enjoyed the high personal regard of all who knew him and his sterling worth was attested by all with whom he came in contact. Frank M. Haskell is also a well known and popular democrat of Coles county, where his friends are legion. Mrs. Haskell is a member of the women's organization of Coles county, in the work of which she has been very active.

TOM F. CROWLEY

Among Joliet's well known advocates of democracy is Tom F. Crowley, now one of the bridge operators of the city. A native of Ohio, he was born in the city of Cleveland, June 14, 1888, a son of William and Ellen (Scanlon) Crowley, both of whom are now deceased. The father was an earnest democrat who gave active support to the party for a half century. He removed from Ohio to Joliet in order to take charge of the wire mill which later became a unit of the American Steel & Wire Company. This was about a half century ago, and soon after his arrival he brought his family to this city. He started the mill here, put it in working condition and afterward served as night superintendent. He always continued his political work, served as judge of elections and was otherwise active in behalf of the democratic party.

Tom F. Crowley began his education in the schools of Cleveland and subsequently continued his studies in Joliet, where he completed two years' work of the high school course. When his student days were over he began working in the rod mills, learning the trade, and thereafter he was employed for eighteen years as auditor by Swift & Company, Armour & Company and the Cudahy Packing Company. His long connection with the meat packing business well indicate his efficiency and his reliability, and the corporations which he represented always spoke of his service in terms of high appreciation. On the 11th of September, 1933, he became bridge operator and has now filled the position for more than a year.

In 1909 Mr. Crowley was united in marriage to Miss Anna Becker and they are the parents of two daughters, Leone and Geraldine. Mr. Crowley has never swerved in his allegiance to the democratic party and many years ago served as precinct committeeman but has always preferred that his political service should be done as a private citizen rather than as a public official. However, he is always active in the party and has been a delegate to the local democratic conventions.

TERRY W. DAGLEY

Terry W. Dagley, who has done most effective work in organizing the democratic ranks so as to throw the whole party strength in support of the ticket, is now assistant purchasing agent for the state, with offices in Springfield. He was born in White county, Illinois, December 8, 1884, and is a son of Charles B. and Izetta (Questell) Dagley, who are likewise natives of White county. The father devotes his attention to farming and has been a democrat throughout his entire life, giving stanch allegiance to the party.

Terry W. Dagley acquired his early education in the district schools and afterward attended a business college in Evansville, Indiana. As a young man he entered the employ of the Massey-Harris Company and later was with the International Harvester Company, his entire business experience being in connection with machinery and implements. In 1919 he entered the automobile trade at Carmi, Illinois, having a Ford car agency which he conducted very successfully until he became assistant purchasing agent of the state, receiving his appointment on the 16th of January, 1932, which was the first state appointment made south of Springfield. He followed in the political footsteps of his father and from the first has been a stalwart democrat, working effectively and earnestly in behalf of party strength and organization. In 1926 he was chosen a member of the White county central committee and in the same year was made its chairman, in which capacity he has continuously served to the present time. He was first a recognized leader in Carmi township politics and now in White county, and he has labored most resultantly in bringing out the party strength. Early in Governor Horner's campaign Mr. Dagley promised him from ten hundred to twelve hundred votes in White county, and when the votes were counted the Governor had polled eleven hundred and eighty-seven. Mr. Dagley likewise uses his influence in connection with the Carmi Democrat-Tribune to promote party successes. He is a member of its board of directors, and since May 1, 1934, the journal has been published as a democratic organ. He has been a delegate to numerous state conventions of his party and also attended the democratic national nominating conventions of 1924, 1928, and 1932.

In 1914 Mr. Dagley was married to Miss Pearl Brown, of Carmi, Illinois, and they have a daughter, Frances Lee, who is now a senior in the Springfield high school. Mrs. Dagley is an active member of the Presbyterian Church of Carmi. Mr. Dagley belongs to the Masonic fraternity and he is interested in all that pertains to the social, intellectual and moral progress of his community. The cause of education has found in him a stalwart champion and for twelve years he served on the board of the grade schools of Carmi, while at the present writing, in 1934, he is president of the Carmi high school board.

HAROLD P. EVANS

Harold P. Evans, of Woodstock, is occupying the position of motor fuel tax investigator. A native of Wisconsin, he was born in Corliss, April 8, 1903, his parents being Matthew and Anna (McCauley) Evans. The removal of the family to McHenry county, Illinois, enabled him to pursue his education in the public schools of Woodstock and in due time he was graduated from the Woodstock high school with the class of 1923. He afterward was associated with his father in the conduct of a grocery and market in Woodstock until he entered the employ of the state. He was well known in the business circles of the city and

he is equally well known in political circles. He has been active in local democratic affairs since the campaign of 1932 and he is a member of the McHenry County Democratic Club. On the 14th of December, 1933, he was appointed foreman of the state highway department and on the 1st of June, 1934, he received appointment to the position of investigator of the department of finance in the motor fuel tax division, his territory covering McHenry, Boone and Du Page counties and the western end of Cook county. He attended the democratic state convention in Springfield, in 1934, where he was enthused by mass organization, realizing what can be accomplished through organized effort.

On the 22d of October, 1932, Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bolger and they are the parents of a daughter, Mary Ellen. They are communicants of St. Marie's Catholic Church and Mr. Evans belongs to the Knights of Columbus.

S. M. RIGGINS

S. M. Riggins, manager of the state fish hatchery at Havana, was here born March 24, 1867, a son of William and Henrietta (McGee) Riggins. The father was a native of Indiana and the mother was born in Illinois, her people having come to this state from Tennessee. At the time of the discovery of gold in California, William Riggins crossed the plains, he and his brother Jesse leaving from Beardstown to seek a fortune in the west. Much of his life, however, was passed in this state and he had the distinction of driving Stephen A. Douglas to Beardstown when the latter was en route to Havana, where he participated in one of the memorable debates with Lincoln. Mr. Riggins was a coffin builder and carpenter in early life and subsequently became a grain buyer for the McFadden Company, occupying the position for many years. In politics he was an active democrat. Mrs. Riggins died at the advanced age of ninety-three years and to the last she maintained a deep interest in public affairs and kept well informed on all questions of general concern. In her later years she read a most interesting paper before the Havana Women's Club concerning the pioneer times in Illinois through which she had lived. She, too, supported the democratic party and lived to vote for Horner and Roosevelt.

S. M. Riggins was educated in the Havana schools, and starting out to provide for his own support, opened a saloon in Havana. He afterward engaged in the automobile business, selling Hudson and Essex cars.

In 1897 Mr. Riggins was married to Miss Maud R. Taylor, of Havana, Illinois, and they are the parents of three daughters, namely: Mrs. Mildred Mathews, who is an active supporter of the democratic party; Mrs. Alice McVeigh, who is engaged in government welfare work; and Mabel, a resident of Havana, this state.

Mr. Riggins belongs to the Elks lodge at Canton. He became an active democratic worker when young and has continued faithful to the cause which he first espoused. His activities are now concentrated upon his work as inspector of the local fish hatchery at Havana and he is also in charge of the state fish car.

WILLIAM E. HOLLERICH

William E. Hollerich was appointed postmaster at Spring Valley in August, 1934, which fact is indicative of his allegiance to the democratic party. He is a native of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Henry county, October 7, 1879. He pursued his early education in the schools of Bureau county and afterward attended St. Bede College at Peru. He next entered Lake Forest University at Lake Forest, Illinois, and when his textbooks were put aside he joined his father in the conduct of a flour and grain business at Spring Valley. He was thus an active factor in the commercial circles of the city for many years and his business enterprise constituted a factor in the upbuilding of the community.

In 1913 Mr. Hollerich was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Jenkins and they are the parents of five children, as follows: Mary, Billy, Jack, Cornelius and Joan.

Fraternally Mr. Hollerich is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. Never has he faltered in his allegiance to the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he has long been an earnest party worker. For the past fifteen years he has been township treasurer and also filled the position of township tax collector for two terms. He is now serving as postmaster at Spring Valley following his appointment in August, 1934, and those who are familiar with his record as a business man and citizen do not hesitate to say that he will make an acceptable official.

IRWIN H. MITCHELL

Irwin H. Mitchell is well known in the business circles of Massac county, Illinois, by reason of the fact that he is conducting a successful furniture store in Metropolis. He is equally well known as a political leader in this section, being chairman of the democratic county central committee. He was born September 28, 1890, in the county where he still resides, his parents being Hamilton and Sophia (Houseman) Mitchell. His father was a lifelong democrat, at all times giving consistent support to the party.

Irwin H. Mitchell pursued a public school education up to and through the eighth grade. He then started out in the business world and his activities have brought him to a creditable position in commercial circles. He now carries a well selected line of furniture and his store in Metropolis is accorded a good patronage. He likewise owns a farm in Massac county and gives personal supervision to the development and cultivation of his land.

Mr. Mitchell is numbered among the veterans of the World war, having enlisted on the 13th of December, 1917, in the air service. He became a member of the Forty-third Balloon Company and was connected with the observation service overseas, remaining with the army until mustered out May 21, 1919. He now belongs to the American Legion and he also has membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and attends the Methodist Church—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules that govern his conduct. The sterling worth of his character is recognized by all who know him and has gained for him many warm friends. The democratic party can always count upon his political allegiance and for a number of years he has been one of the earnest party workers, being made secretary of the county central committee in 1932, while at the present writing he is acting as chairman thereof, doing effective work as an organizer and in directing the interests of the party, which has gained notable successes in recent years. He has also attended several of the county conventions and does everything in his power to further the interests of democracy.

JOHN H. CONARD

John H. Conard, who is engaged in farming near Lamoille, Bureau county, was born in Daviess county, Indiana, July 25, 1872, his parents being John S. and Nancy J. (McCarthy) Conard. The father passed away in 1910, but the mother is still living at the advanced age of eighty-nine years and makes her home with her children. Mr. Conard was an active democrat. The grandfather of our subject in the paternal line, also named John Conard, was one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the democratic party in Daviess county, Indiana. He operated a mill in the early days, and at one time, as a matter of jest, when a republican president was elected, a group of his neighbors erected a popular pole in front of his mill on which was placed the American flag, telling Mr. Conard that a democrat would never be elected. He vowed that when one was elected he would celebrate properly, and when Grover Cleveland was called to the presidency for his first term Mr. Conard raised a hickory pole one hundred feet high, and on it floated the stars and stripes.

John H. Conard, the immediate subject of this review, was educated in the schools of Indiana and became a farmer there, also working at times in the timber.



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Removing to Illinois, he settled in Newman, Douglas county, and there on the 11th of November, 1897, was married to Miss Myrtle Shields. To them have been born seven children, namely: Fern, who is now postmaster of Lamoille; Ruth; John R.; Harry, who is deceased; Leo; Max, who has also passed away; and Lois. In 1910 Mr. Conard removed to the locality in which he now lives and eight years ago came to his present farm, which is situated in the vicinity of Lamoille. He carries on general agricultural pursuits, raising the crops best adapted to soil and climate, and his fields yield to him a good return.

Politically Mr. Conard has always been a staunch democrat and feels that he never has nor never will have occasion to change his party allegiance. He is now serving for the second term as precinct committeeman, and he can recall the day when he was the only democrat in the precinct. After calling the attention of the election board to the fact that no democrat was on the board he was made a judge of elections and has since served. He has lived to witness steady growth in democratic sentiment in his locality and today the party receives strong support from Bureau county. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Brethren Church, while fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons.

JOHN J. HAYES

John J. Hayes, of Woodstock, is inspector for the division of food and dairies. He has spent his entire life in McHenry county, his birth having occurred in Hartland township, July 28, 1881, his parents being John H. and Mary E. (Sullivan) Hayes. The father was also a native of Hartland township, McHenry county.

In his youthful days John J. Hayes attended the public schools of Harvard and in young manhood he obtained a position in a grocery store there, working in that way until 1901, when he came to Woodstock, where he spent seventeen years with the Oliver Typewriter Company. His long connection with that business indicates plainly his fidelity and his efficient service as well as the trust reposed in him by those whom he represented. In 1918 he began selling automobiles and in 1925 he established an insurance agency on his own account, selling general insurance. In this business he has since continued and has gained many clients.

On the 1st of February, 1910, Mr. Hayes was united in marriage to Miss Etta Goodrow and they are the parents of three children, namely: Helen, John J., Jr., and Mary Jane. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church. Politically Mr. Hayes has always been a democrat and has taken active part in politics since 1912, serving at various periods as a member of the county central committee. In 1932 he was elected precinct committeeman and served for two years, and from 1932 until 1934 he was secretary of the democratic county central committee. On the 20th of November, 1933, he was appointed inspector of the division of food and dairies, his territory covering McHenry, Lake, Kane and De Kalb counties. In 1932 he attended the state democratic convention as a delegate and in 1934 as a visitor. He has a wide acquaintance among the political leaders of this part of the state and all recognize the fact that he is proving a capable and trustworthy officeholder. Having always lived in McHenry county, he is well known here and his circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

JOHN F. JASPER

John F. Jasper, a member of the state police, makes his home at 1501 Kentucky avenue in Quincy, which is his native city, his birth having here occurred February 28, 1895. He is a son of Bernard and Angela Anna (Klosterman) Jasper. His early education, acquired in a parochial school of Quincy, was supplemented by study in the high school of this city, of which he is a graduate. He also attended a night school of St. Louis and he started out to provide for his own support by working as a railroad clerk with the Wabash Railway Com-

pany, being employed in that connection in Quincy for five years. In 1918, the United States having entered the World war, he joined the army as a member of the motor truck division and in October, 1918, he went to France, where he remained until September, 1919, when he returned to his native country. He had been made a corporal in the month in which he crossed the Atlantic.

Returning to Quincy, Mr. Jasper has since made his home here and has always been active in politics as a supporter of the democratic party. He has served as deputy county treasurer, has been a city detective and has also been a member of the Quincy police force. In March, 1933, he was appointed highway maintenance policeman and has since served in this capacity. He is interested in all that pertains to the success of his party and his work has been far-reaching and beneficial.

On the 23d of July, 1923, Mr. Jasper was united in marriage to Miss Laura Holcomb. In his fraternal relations he is an Eagle and a Moose and has many friends in those organizations, as he also has in the American Legion, in which he likewise has membership.

ANTON A. MACROWSKI, JR.

Anton A. Macrowski, Jr., who is connected with democratic official service, having been appointed automobile license investigator in the state, November 7, 1933, was born in North Chicago, Lake county, Illinois, May 12, 1907, and still makes his home in this city. He is a son of Anton and Stella Macrowski, who are yet residents of North Chicago, where the father has been engaged in business for many years.

At the usual age Anton A. Macrowski, Jr., became a pupil in the public schools of his native city and afterward attended the high school at Waukegan, Illinois, while for a short time he was a student in a Chicago seminary. He started out in the business world as an employe in the shipping department of a Chicago foundry. Later he became foreman of the Biflex Corporation, a subsidiary of the Oaks Products. Here his capability and fidelity won him promotion to the position of assistant superintendent and production manager and thus he gained an important place in the business circles of North Chicago. On the 7th of November, 1933, he received appointment to his present position as automobile license investigator and has since served in this capacity, making an excellent record in office.

On the 23d of April, 1932, Mr. Macrowski was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Sammon and they are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Marie. The family attend the Holy Rosary Catholic Church and Mr. Macrowski is identified with the Polish National Alliance. Politically he has always been a democrat and the party has found in him a consistently active worker and supporter. He was made precinct committeeman in 1932. He belongs to various democratic clubs, including the Lake County Democratic Club, and he has been a delegate to the state conventions. In 1932 he was chosen secretary of the county central committee, acting as secretary of the county organization which was the first complete democratic organization in Lake county. In 1932 and again in 1934 his precinct was the banner democratic precinct of the county. His labors have been productive of good results and he is recognized as one of the strong forces among the democratic workers of northeastern Illinois.

THOMAS J. DRISCOLL

Being the only democrat in Peoria to be elected assistant supervisor in the 1933 election gives Thomas J. Driscoll the distinction of being a vote getter and the democratic party regards him as a valuable asset. Born in Peoria, Illinois, March 19, 1886, he is a son of Daniel and Anna (Carroll) Driscoll. The father, also a native of Peoria, was a son of Dennis Driscoll, who came from Ireland and cast in his lot with the pioneer residents of Peoria county. Daniel Driscoll married Anna Carroll, also a native of Peoria and a daughter of Michael Carroll.

who was likewise of Irish birth and became one of the early residents of Peoria county. To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Driscoll were born thirteen children, of whom ten are living, namely: Michael, James, Daniel, John, William, Carroll, Joseph, Thomas J., Nellie and Marian. The last named, who is Mrs. James Jordan, is a radio artist. Two of the sons, Joseph and Carroll, served in the World war and both were overseas.

Thomas J. Driscoll was educated in the schools of Peoria county and after his textbooks were put aside he became a coal miner, following that line of work for a number of years. Later he entered the restaurant business in the vicinity of the Peoria stock yards. His first political office is the one that he is now holding—that of assistant supervisor. He has always voted with the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he is a member of the Eighth Ward Democratic Club.

Mr. Driscoll married Miss Marie Hart and they reside at 405 Livingston street in Peoria. Mr. Driscoll is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

EDWARD J. VERSHAW

In September, 1933, Edward J. Vershaw of East Moline was appointed highway maintenance patrolman. His name indicates his Holland birth. He first opened his eyes to the light of day in the land of the dikes on the 10th of March, 1881, his parents being Thomas and Louise (Hamerlynck) Vershaw, also natives of Holland, whence they came with their family of ten children to America about 1890. Crossing the continent to Illinois, they settled on a farm between Galva and Kewanee, living there for about two years, on the expiration of which period they removed to Kewanee, where the father and mother spent their remaining days, the former being employed as a factory worker. He was a good democrat throughout the period of his residence on this side of the Atlantic. He died January 4, 1930, having for a few months survived his wife, who passed away July 20, 1929.

Edward J. Vershaw attended the public schools of Kewanee and took up factory work there, following that line for about eight years. He then became a plumber and steamfitter and on the 10th of March, 1912, removed to East Moline, where he was employed in the same line of business until September, 1933, when he was made highway maintenance patrolman. He has since served and his name is on the roll of trustworthy officials.

On the 15th of June, 1912, Mr. Vershaw was united in marriage to Miss Ella Fuerst, of Kewanee, Illinois, and to them have been born four children: Thomas; Edward; Catherine; and Frank, who is deceased. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and Mr. Vershaw is also identified with the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He has always been an active democrat, working for the party when in Kewanee as well as in East Moline, where for twelve years he has been precinct committeeman, having but recently retired from that position.

HARRY E. FERGUSON

Harry E. Ferguson, of the highway maintenance patrol, was born on the farm which he still occupies in Western township, Henry county, Illinois, his natal day being October 29, 1882. He is a son of George W. and Inez E. (Hitechoek) Ferguson, of whom the latter is still living. The father, who died in 1925, was a farmer by occupation, devoting his entire life to the tilling of the soil until he became interested in banking. He helped to organize a private bank at Orion and the institution was later made a state bank, of which he became president, thus serving for several years. Politically he followed an independent course, voting for men and measures rather than for party.

In the acquirement of his education Harry E. Ferguson attended the high school of Galesburg, Illinois, from which he was graduated on the completion of the regular course. He then took up the occupation of farming, to which he had been reared, having early been trained in the work of the fields and the care

of the crops. His attention was then concentrated upon the further development and improvement of farm property until the death of his wife, and he also specialized in the raising of shorthorn cattle.

On the 17th of June, 1908, Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage to Miss Mildred Rutledge, a native of Orion, Illinois, and they became parents of two children, Lenore and Ruth. Mr. Ferguson belongs to the Masonic fraternity and is a Baptist in his religious faith. Politically he has always voted with the democratic party and on the 11th of May, 1934, he was made a highway maintenance patrolman, to the duties of which position he is now giving consistent action and earnest thought.

JAMES EDWARD LYNCH

James Edward Lynch, an investigator in the department of conservation, makes his home at Fox Lake. He was born in Chicago, January 30, 1898, a son of Joseph and Mary Lynch, both of whom have now passed away. He acquired his education in the schools of his native city and in early life learned the glazier's trade, which he followed for about eight years, becoming an expert workman in that line. In the spring of 1916, he came to Fox Lake where he has since resided. On the 15th of May, 1934, he was appointed to the position of investigator in the department of conservation. He has always been a stalwart democrat and is now serving as precinct committeeman.

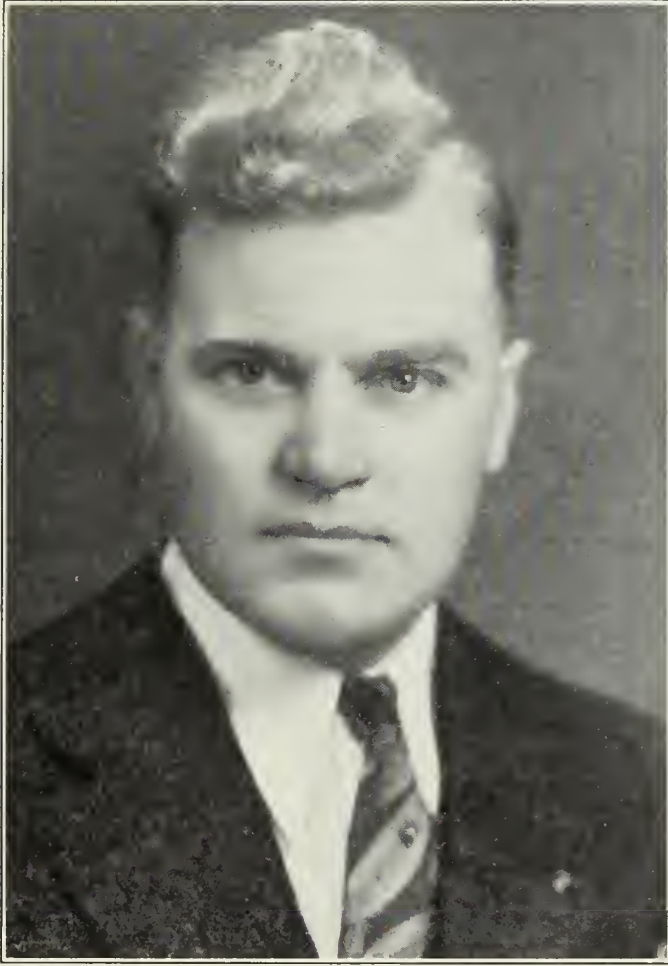
On the 18th of March, 1918, Mr. Lynch was united in marriage to Miss Martha Steinbring and they are the parents of a daughter, Marlene. Mr. Lynch is a trustee of the Community Church of Fox Lake and is interested in all that pertains to the material, social and moral as well as the political progress of the locality.

FRED PUNDSACK

Fred Pundsack, of Pinekneyville, who is filling the office of special field representative for occupational tax, was born in Franklin county, Illinois, February 17, 1903, his parents being Clem and Catherine (Schultz) Pundsack. The father was born in Effingham county, Illinois, in 1858 and became a farmer. He settled in Franklin county in 1901 and there engaged in speculating in real estate and coal lands, winning success by reason of his sound judgment in business affairs. After four years he removed to Duquoin, Perry county, where he spent his remaining days. Although the other members of his family were supporters of the republican party, he became a stalwart democrat. His religious faith was that of the Catholic Church. His wife, who was born in Effingham county, Illinois, was like her husband reared in a republican household but became a democrat.

Fred Pundsack, who was one of a family of four sons and four daughters, attended the public schools of Duquoin and a parochial school to the age of fifteen years, when he went to South Dakota. He was employed at odd jobs, also doing farm work, working in construction camps, at the carpenter's trade and in other ways earning his living in the west until 1919, when he returned to Illinois. He was later employed as weighmaster at the mines until 1922, when he established his home in Pinekneyville and for a year traveled. In 1923 he became Ford agent at Pinekneyville, continuing to represent that line of automobiles until 1932. He was elected county commissioner in 1930, serving for one term, and after his retirement from that office was made special field representative for occupational tax.

In 1924 Mr. Pundsack was married in Duquoin, Illinois, to Ruby Harris, a daughter of J. W. Harris, a well known farmer and active supporter of the democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Pundsack have two sons, Fred and William, aged respectively eight and six years. Mr. Pundsack enjoys quail hunting and finds social relationship in the Elks lodge and the Knights of Columbus. He is



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also a past Rotarian and he has been chairman of the county emergency relief committee. A young man, full of ambition and energy, one does not hesitate to prophesy for him a future in which progress and desired results will be dominant factors.

JOSEPH W. RUSSELL

Joseph W. Russell, democratic representative from the twenty-sixth district in the fifty-eighth general assembly of Illinois and now a candidate for renomination to the state legislature, is a popular and prominent young native son of Roberts, Ford county, Illinois, born July 29, 1900. His parents are Joseph R. and Nora (Riordon) Russell, mentioned on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of John P. Russell, brother of our subject.

In the acquirement of an education Joseph W. Russell attended the public schools of Roberts until he had completed the high school course by graduation with the class of 1919. He then entered the College of Agriculture of the University of Illinois, from which institution he was graduated in 1923. During the past eleven years he has been successfully engaged in farming and the raising of live stock in Ford county in association with his two brothers.

Elected a member of the house of representatives of the fifty-eighth general assembly from the twenty-sixth district, Mr. Russell has made a legislative record that has fully justified the confidence and support of his constituents.

MARTIN J. NAYLON

Among Ogle county's well known and representative residents is Martin J. Naylon, now the postmaster at Polo, in which city he was born February 7, 1876. His parents were Martin and Mary (Callahan) Naylon, both of whom were natives of Ireland, the father's birth having there occurred in 1849, while the mother's natal day was April 6, 1851. They came to America when young people, Martin Naylon crossing the Atlantic about 1867 and his future wife about two years later. They were married November 16, 1872, in Chicago. Mr. Naylon settled in Chicago, Illinois, where he engaged in business as a mason and bricklayer, but about 1872 removed to Polo, Ogle county, where his remaining days were passed. For about twenty years he was employed with the Illinois Central Railroad and for about fifteen years was in the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad as section foreman. He voted with the democratic party, to which he gave staunch support, and his religious faith was that of the Catholic Church. His death occurred in 1923.

Reared in Polo, Martin J. Naylon here attended the public schools and started out to provide for his own support by clerking in a dry-goods store, being thus employed for ten years. In 1905 he went west and for six years remained in that part of the country, living in Utah and Nevada. In 1911 he returned to Polo, where he became manager for the dry-goods business of Myers Brothers, continuing to fill that responsible position for eight years. In 1920 he went to Dixon with the McAllister Dry Goods Company, with which he remained for seven years. With his return to Polo he began selling life insurance in 1927 and carried on the business until July 1, 1934, when he became postmaster. Like his father, he has always voted the democratic ticket and in 1932 he was elected precinct committeeman, serving for two years, but was not again a candidate. He prefers that his political work shall be done as a private citizen and in all matters that pertain to the public welfare he is found as an earnest supporter. In 1928 he was a minority election judge in his precinct and one of thirteen democratic voters in precinct two. Several incidents relative to the voting of the straight democratic ticket, even when their closest neighbors were candidates on the republican ticket are interesting facts in the lives of both Martin J. Naylon and his father.

On the 21st of June, 1909, in Ely, Nevada, Mr. Naylon married Terese E.

Meloy and they are the parents of four children, as follows: Martin J. (III), Carl, Jack and Richard. The family are communicants of the Catholic Church and Mr. Naylor belongs to the Knights of Columbus, becoming a charter member of the council at Dixon.

ALPHONSE S. LEGRIS

Alphonse S. LeGris, chief clerk for the Manteno State Hospital, was called to this position June 24, 1933, by reason of his democratic allegiance and his capability for the performance of the duties that devolve upon him. A native son of Illinois, he was born in Bourbonnais, July 4, 1890, a son of Harvey J. and Louise (Granger) LeGris. The father was a faithful follower of democracy and an active party worker who several years ago served as an alderman in Kankakee.

After attending the common schools Alphonse S. LeGris continued his education in St. Viator College at Bourbonnais, where he was graduated with the class of 1909, at which time the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon him. After he had completed his course he worked on a farm for two years and in 1911 he became associated with his father in the conduct of a bank, with which he remained until 1928. He then accepted a banking position in Chicago, which he resigned a few years later. This gave him broad business experience which has well qualified him for his subsequent duties.

On the 22d of April, 1914, in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, Mr. LeGris was united in marriage to Eva L. Letourneau, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Philip Letourneau, of Chippewa Falls. Mr. and Mrs. LeGris are the parents of two children, Rose Marie and Harvey J. The family are communicants of the Catholic Church and Mr. LeGris is well known in fraternal circles, being an Elk, a Knight of Columbus, a Moose and an Eagle. He is in full sympathy with the beneficent spirit which underlies these organizations and loyalty follows their teachings. Politically he has always been a democrat and for many years has been active in party work. He has attended many county and state conventions and was a delegate from Kankakee, Illinois, to the national convention in Chicago, in 1932, when Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for the presidency. On the 24th of June, 1933, he was appointed chief clerk of the Manteno State Hospital, an institution for the insane at Manteno, and has since faithfully served in that capacity, discharging his duties in a prompt, systematic and efficient manner. He is most loyal to any cause which he espouses and all who know him bear testimony to the sterling worth of his character.

LEWIS T. RASH

On the 1st of September, 1933, Lewis T. Rash was appointed state sales tax investigator in district 41 and is now serving most acceptably in that capacity. He makes his home in Rosiclare and is a native son of Hardin county, where his birth occurred September 13, 1886.

After acquiring a common school education Lewis T. Rash attended the Normal School at Elizabethtown, Illinois, and was graduated in 1902, receiving a first-grade certificate. He also took special work and accounting in La Salle University at Chicago. His business affairs have largely been farming interests and he successfully controls and manages his land, deriving therefrom a good income.

On the 26th of November, 1905, in Elizabethtown, Illinois, Mr. Rash was united in marriage to Miss Maud S. Smith and they are the parents of three children: Ruey M., Hattie M. and Helen. Fraternally Mr. Rash is a Mason, loyal to the high principles and teachings of the order, and he is also a consistent member of the Methodist Church. During the World war he served as a member of the draft board and at all times he is active in support of civic projects which are of worth to the community. In politics he has always been a democrat and has held various offices. In 1910 he was elected county clerk, serving until

1913, when he resigned the office to accept an appointment as postmaster of Elizabethtown, a position which he filled most efficiently for eight and one-half years. He then bought the Elizabethtown Independent, which he published until 1922, when he was elected assessor and treasurer of Hardin county, and again the prompt and faithful discharge of his duties gained him high commendation. On the 1st of September, 1933, he became state sales tax investigator in District 41, and every office in which he has served has been most creditably filled, owing to his marked devotion to duty and his high standards of service. He has attended several of the state conventions of his party and is well known as a democratic leader in his section of Illinois.

OSCAR ALBERT OLSON

For more than a year and a half Oscar Albert Olson has been a member of the state police, and his appointment to the office on the 6th of March, 1933, is in itself indication of his connection with the democratic party. He makes his home in Elgin, where he was born November 25, 1895, a son of Oscar Albert and Josephine Olson. The father is now deceased, but the mother survives.

The schools of his native city afforded Oscar A. Olson, Jr., his educational opportunities and in his youthful days he became well known as a football and baseball player, taking a very active interest in those sports. He played in the semi-professional football teams and in the minor league baseball teams, playing football for Elgin and baseball in the West Canadian League. Later he became a watchmaker in Elgin and continued to work in the watch factory for fourteen years, his long connection therewith being proof of his capability and his fidelity to the interests which he represented. He thus continued to serve until March 6, 1933, when he became a member of the state police force.

On the 30th of November, 1922, Mr. Olson was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy McQueeny and they are the parents of a son, Thomas Graham, now in his second year. Mrs. Olson is a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Olson is identified with the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In politics he has always been an active democrat, with firm faith in the party principles as factors in good government.

OLIVER MARTIN COLWELL

Toulon's postmaster, Oliver Martin Colwell, is recognized as one of the strongest supporters of the democratic party in Stark county. He was appointed to his present position on the 1st of January, 1934, and is now efficiently discharging the duties of the office. He was born in Naperville, Illinois, December 17, 1888, a son of Marvin Henry and Mary (Kendig) Colwell, who were lifelong supporters of the democratic party. On two occasions his father was candidate for county superintendent of schools but was defeated with the entire ticket.

Oliver M. Colwell was graduated from Naperville high school in 1905 and for a year thereafter attended North Central College at Naperville, pursuing a business course. He is numbered among the veterans of the World war, having enlisted at St. Paul, Minnesota, June 26, 1918. He was sent to Camp Grant at Rockford, Illinois, where he remained for a month, and on the 25th of August, 1918, embarked at Hoboken, landing at Glasgow, Scotland, on the 9th of September and reaching Le Havre, France, two days later. On the return voyage he embarked at St. Nazaire, May 14, 1919, and reached New York, May 27, receiving his discharge at Camp Dix, New Jersey, on the 29th. He had been made a corporal and he now has membership in American Legion Post No. 416 of Toulon, of which he was the first commander, serving for two years.

On the 6th of January, 1920, in Toulon, Mr. Colwell was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Harding, representative of a well known democratic family of Wyoming. To them has been born a daughter, Gloria, who is now nine years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Colwell hold membership in the Congregational Church and

he is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Toulon Civic Club. He has always voted with the democratic party and has attended all of the state and national conventions for several years. On the 1st of January, 1934, he became acting postmaster and received his official appointment on the 27th of April following, but whether in office or out of it, he works consistently for the party and is always loyal to the best interests of the community.

MRS. NAOMA (HUX) FISHER

Mrs. Naoma (Hux) Fisher, who resides at Villa Grove and who was postmistress of the house of representatives at Springfield during the legislative sessions, is a native of southeastern Missouri and a daughter of William J. and Frances (Bradford) Hux, who were natives of North Carolina and of Tennessee, respectively. Her father was a merchant and also operated several cotton gins in Stoddard county, Missouri, where he likewise took active part in democratic politics as a committeeman for several years. In fact he was a recognized leader of the party in his section of the state and he attended all the state, congressional and judicial conventions, oftentimes as a delegate. He was also a delegate to several democratic national conventions and was a well known figure among the leaders of the party in this section of the country. He died in 1932, having for a number of years survived his wife, who passed away in 1923.

After completing a course in the grade and high schools of Stoddard county, Missouri, Naomi Hux attended Marion College for two years and afterward was graduated from Martha Washington College of Virginia as a member of the class of 1914, receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree and the degree in public speaking. In 1917 she became the wife of Carl P. Fisher, who was born in Douglas county, Illinois, a son of William Porter and Florence (Jones) Fisher. His father followed farming and was a stalwart advocate of democratic principles. Carl P. Fisher attended the public schools of Douglas county and after leaving high school began railroading on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad. He has since remained with that corporation and is now serving as a conductor. He, too, has always been a staunch democrat. He belongs to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Mrs. Fisher has been active in democratic work since 1922 and served as county chairman from 1932 until 1934. She attends all the local democratic meetings and on several occasions has been in attendance at judicial and congressional conventions, while at all times she has given support to the entire party ticket. She was elected postmistress of the house of representatives in January, 1933. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are members of the Douglas County Jeffersonian Club and they attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Fisher is a member of the Women's Federated Club of Villa Grove and is serving on the library board. Both give their active aid and cooperation to all movements for the public good, working assiduously for progress, reform and improvement.

CHARLES A. STANTON

Charles A. Stanton, residing at Ingleside and serving as a sergeant of the state police force, was born at Long Lake, in Lake county, Illinois, January 26, 1901, his parents being Henry and Harriette (Stratton) Stanton. The mother is a sister of William J. Stratton, who served as secretary of state of Illinois from 1929 until 1933. Henry Stanton was always an active democrat, regarded as one of the leading party workers of his township. Tom Stanton, the paternal grandfather of Charles A. Stanton, filled the office of township supervisor in Lake county for twenty years and was most actively interested in the public life of the community, doing much for general progress and improvement. Jack Stratton, the maternal grandfather of C. A. Stanton, served as supervisor when Lake Villa township was created. Frank Stanton, uncle of Mr. Stanton of this review, is now township supervisor, a position which he has occupied for twelve



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years, and Harry Stratton, an uncle of Charles A. Stanton, also is supervisor of Lake Villa township. William Stratton was supervisor for twenty-two years, being only twenty-two years of age when first elected to the position. Various members of the Stratton and Stanton families have been supporters of the democratic party, while others have been equally loyal advocates of republican principles, each manifesting unfaltering allegiance to the cause which he espoused.

Charles A. Stanton, whose name introduces this record, was educated in the public schools and reared in Lake county, where he has spent his entire life. He became a building contractor and followed the business until 1932. On the 15th of February, 1933, he was appointed a sergeant of the state police force, in charge of the second district, which includes Lake, McHenry, Boone, Kane, Du Page, Kendall and De Kalb counties. He has always voted with the democratic party and in 1932 he was a candidate for the state legislature on the Horner ticket, losing by a very small margin in a district which has always been strongly republican—a fact indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. He served for one term as chairman of the executive board of the county central committee and he organized the Horner campaign in Lake county and was a delegate to the state convention. His mother, Mrs. Harriette Stanton, is now a member of the executive board of the Women's Lake County Organization and was offered the chairmanship of the county organization but declined. Throughout her entire life she has been an active democrat. Her son, Charles A. Stanton, became a charter member of the original Lake County Democratic Club and he has never wavered in his allegiance to the party.

In 1921 Mr. Stanton was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Lane and they are the parents of a son, Ralph. Mr. Stanton is a member of the Catholic Church and was formerly identified with the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a descendant of two of the old and prominent families of northeastern Illinois—families that have always stood for progress and improvement—and he has ever upheld the Stanton's record in this connection. As a business man and as a citizen he has gained a wide acquaintance and the circle of his friends is almost coextensive therewith.

PATRICK HENRY McKEONE

Patrick Henry McKeone, well known in Lacon, his native city, is now serving as postmaster. He was here born January 1, 1871, a son of Patrick and Mary (Clark) McKeone, both of whom were supporters of the democratic party. The father served as city marshal and bridge tender and was alderman of the south ward of Lacon for the notably long period of eighteen years. He carefully and thoughtfully considered all the vital questions which had to do with municipal welfare and his work was entirely beneficial to the city.

Patrick H. McKeone attended the grade schools of Lacon and also the high school of that place. He then pursued a private course in bookkeeping and thus qualified for life's practical and responsible duties.

Mr. McKeone was reared in the Catholic faith and is still a communicant of the church. His political support has always been given to the democratic party and he has been active as a worker in its ranks since casting his first vote. He served as a member of the board of review in 1916 and again from 1922 to 1926 inclusive. From 1914 to 1916 he served the finance department in the matter of inheritance taxes and appraising estates for the federal government in Marshal county, and he served as precinct committeeman of Precinct No. 1 of the city of Lacon for several terms covering approximately thirty-five years and at one time served all three wards as committeeman. He attended the first state convention held in Springfield in 1904 and has been present at various other state conventions. On the 1st of June, 1934, he was appointed acting postmaster of Lacon and is now filling the office. His entire life has here been passed, and

that his record has always been a creditable one is indicated in the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood days to the present.

ALBERT W. SCHIMMEL

Albert W. Schimmel, who became a member of the bar in 1925 and who for four years was state's attorney of Pike county, now practices his profession in Pittsfield. He was born in Marietta, Ohio, July 16, 1890, a son of Charles and Caroline (Marsh) Schimmel, who were also natives of Marietta, the former born September 28, 1851, and the latter on the 13th of December, 1854. The father was a farmer and insurance man in Washington county, Ohio, and for over a half century he was very active in the affairs of the democratic party in his community. For four decades he was a member of the democratic county central committee and for several terms he filled the office of county commissioner. He held membership in the Lutheran Church and in that faith passed away July 19, 1931.

The public school system of Marietta, Ohio, afforded Albert W. Schimmel his early educational opportunities. Later he entered Marietta College and on the completion of his literary course received the Bachelor of Arts degree. He next attended Purdue University at LaFayette, Indiana, for a year as a graduate student and also acted as chemistry teacher. Matriculating in the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, he pursued his law course and won the LL. B. degree in 1925. In the same year he opened an office and began practice in Pittsfield, where he has made continuous progress, being now accorded a liberal clientage. His professional duties have occupied the major part of his time and attention and the only office that he has filled has been in the direct path of his chosen calling, for he served as state's attorney of Pike county from 1928 until 1932.

On the 6th of August, 1914, Mr. Schimmel was married to Miss Mary Helen Miller, a daughter of Dr. J. E. and Margaret (Goodin) Miller. They have become parents of two children, Margaret Mildred and Albert W., Jr. Fraternally Mr. Schimmel is a Mason, belonging to Pittsfield Lodge, No. 790, A. F. & A. M., and he also has membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is widely and favorably known, his record as a lawyer and a citizen commending him to the goodwill and confidence of his fellow townsmen.

JOHN H. STANTON

John H. Stanton, a resident of Ingleside, is serving as a member of the democratic county central committee of Lake county and in filling the office of automobile license investigator for the state. He was born in Grant township, Lake county, in 1895, a son of Henry and Harriette (Stratton) Stanton. The father has passed away, but the mother is still living. The family has long been represented in northeastern Illinois, having been established here in pioneer times, and for the past sixty or seventy years some member of the Stanton family has been an incumbent in local township offices. Harry Stratton, an uncle of John H. Stanton in the maternal line, is serving as supervisor of Lake Villa township at this writing.

In the township high school John H. Stanton completed his education, and for twenty-one years he was associated with members of his family in the operation of a bus line to and from the various lakes in this vicinity. In fact his family has carried on this type of business from the early days when passengers were transported to and from trains in a light milk wagon drawn by horses. They have, moreover, been instrumental in the building of roads and highways and in the general development and improvement of this section. On the 1st of November, 1933, John H. Stanton became an automobile license investigator for the state and has since acted in this capacity. His appointment came to him as a follower of the democratic party. He has always been one of its staunch sup-

porters since attaining his majority and has served as a delegate to various party conventions for a number of years. He is now serving for the second term as precinct committeeman and he is a member of the executive committee of the county central committee and also is serving on the patronage board.

On the 18th of October, 1915, Mr. Stanton was united in marriage to Miss Loretta Hobbs and they are the parents of two daughters: Harriette, who has recently graduated from high school; and Dorothy, a high school student. The elder daughter was state champion in a typewriting contest and won second place at A Century of Progress in Chicago. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church. The Stantons are indeed well known in Lake county, where the family has been represented for many decades, and John H. Stanton has at all times upheld the unsullied reputation associated with the family name. They have been loyal and progressive in citizenship, and he whose name introduces this review has ever held to the ideals of public service which the family has followed.

JEROME PAUL HANNON

The highway maintenance patrol in Kane county finds a representative in Jerome Paul Hannon, who has served in this connection since February 14, 1933. He makes his home in Elburn, Illinois, where he was born November 6, 1902, a son of Albert Jerome and Mary Hannon, who are still residents of Elburn, the father and all of the family being staunch advocates of the democratic party.

Jerome Paul Hannon acquired his education in the schools of Elburn and afterward obtained a position with the Burrell Engineering & Construction Company of Aurora. He worked for that corporation all over the United States, working in reinforced concrete, constructing grain elevators. He continued to serve in that connection for eight years, a fact which indicates his faithfulness to the company which he represented and the efficiency of his work. He left the position to become a highway maintenance patrolman following his appointment February 14, 1933. Like the others of his family, he has always been an active democrat and an earnest party worker. Much of his life has been passed in Elburn, so that his record is as an open book, and he can claim the warm friendship of the great majority who know him.

CLARENCE A. BAILEY

Clarence A. Bailey, a well known resident of Monmouth, connected with the Illinois department of finance, was born in Mercer county, this state, January 7, 1891, a son of George F. and Mary (Steen) Bailey. The father was born in Scotland county, Missouri, in 1858 and the mother's birth occurred in Mercer county, Illinois, in April, 1869. The former was a locomotive engineer on the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad and he represented an old family from Kentucky. In politics he was a lifelong democrat and fraternally was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He passed away in 1929.

Clarence A. Bailey acquainted himself with the usual branches of learning that constitute the public school curriculum in the schools of Monmouth and later became a student in the horological department of the Bradley Polytechnic Institute at Peoria. He later spent twenty-four years in the jewelry business, six years of this period being passed at Fort Wayne, Indiana, while during the remainder of the time he carried on business in Monmouth. He had a large and well appointed store and supervised his business affairs so carefully and intelligently that substantial success resulted.

On the 30th of November, 1913, Mr. Bailey was married to Miss Marie Ryan and they became parents of a daughter, Rosemary. Mrs. Bailey passed away in 1922 and on the 28th of May, 1927, Mr. Bailey married Doris L. Lee. They have two children, Martha Lee and George William.

Mr. Bailey has always taken an active interest in democratic affairs since old enough to vote and has been especially active since 1930. He was one of the organizers of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Warren County and in 1932

was elected senatorial committeeman, to which position he was reelected in 1934, being chosen during this term of office as chairman of the thirty-second senatorial district. He served for a year and a half as precinct committeeman by appointment and was also a member of the executive committee of the county central committee during this time. On the 16th of August, 1933, Governor Horner appointed him investigator of retailers' occupational tax for District 17 and he is now acting in that capacity. He is an enthusiastic party worker and an efficient organizer, and democracy has greatly benefited by his labors.

HUGH P. RIGNEY

Hugh P. Rigney, postmaster of Arthur, was born April 6, 1897, in the village where he still resides, his parents being Hugh M. and Ivy (Powell) Rigney, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. His public school training was continued until he graduated as a high school pupil of the Arthur township high school. In 1917, when he was twenty years of age, he enlisted as a member of a machine gun company of the Nineteenth Infantry at Fort Sam Houston, near San Antonio, Texas. He was later detached to attend the only machine gun school ever conducted in the United States, this being at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia. There he was graduated and was immediately made a company commander, in which capacity he served until after the war. Out of every thousand officers one was eligible to take the oral examination for entrance into the regular army, and Mr. Rigney had the distinction of being the one chosen. He passed the examination, was transferred to the regular army and became an instructor at Petersburg, West Virginia, where he remained until March 27, 1919, when he was discharged.

Mr. Rigney then returned home, and having learned the printer's trade in his father's shop in his boyhood days, he became associated with his father in business. In 1920 he and his brother, Harold W., bought out the father, who was owner of the Arthur Graphic-Clarion, and the following year Hugh P. Rigney became sole proprietor of the paper by purchasing his brother's interest. He then edited the paper, which was a strict democratic publication, until his appointment on the 3rd of May, 1934, to the position of postmaster of Arthur by President Roosevelt and is now the incumbent in that office. He has been active in democratic politics since reaching the age of twenty-one years and has supported the entire ticket through the columns of his paper and through personal effort. He has attended various state, congressional and judicial conventions, both as a delegate and as a visitor, and he served for two terms as alderman of Arthur. He has always recognized the duties, obligations and responsibilities as well as the opportunities of citizenship, and his labors have been along progressive lines, looking ever to the benefit and welfare of the entire community.

On February 14, 1922, Mr. Rigney was united in marriage to Miss Alma Perrott, a native of Illinois whose people were pioneer settlers of Clay county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Rigney are the parents of three children: Hugh Richard, Harold Duane and Mary Jane.

Mr. Rigney belongs to the Masonic fraternity, to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Methodist Episcopal Church. He also has membership in the American Legion, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful part, now filling the position of service officer. He has been very active in the legislative work of the organization and has sought the adoption of many legislative measures of benefit to the Legion. His interest in local affairs is manifest in his connection with the Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to the Southern Illinois Editorial Association, to the Illinois State Press Association, to the Democratic Editorial Association, the Illinois State Postmasters Association, to the Jeffersonian Club and to the Young Democrats Club of Douglas county, of which he is vice-president. He is at all times actuated by a spirit of enterprise and advancement and his aid and influence can always be counted upon to further measures for the general good.



HUGH P. RIGNEY

LAWRENCE MARION LINKER

Lawrence Marion Linker, a member of the Illinois state maintenance patrol and a resident of Elmira, Stark county, was born in Arenzville, Illinois, November 18, 1897, his parents being Luther M. and Margaret (Epler) Linker. He attended the grade schools of Ashland, Illinois, and of Elmira and then entered the high schools of Toulon, from which he was graduated in 1915. He next entered Knox College at Galesburg, where he studied for four months. He took up farming in the vicinity of Elmira and gave his attention to general agricultural pursuits until October, 1933, when he was appointed maintenance patrolman for the state highways and is now acting in this capacity.

On the 3d of May, 1923, in Toulon, Illinois, Mr. Linker was united in marriage to Gladys Eileen Brady and they are the parents of two children, Kathryn and Clifford, aged respectively ten and six years.

Fraternally Mr. Linker is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian Church. From September until December, 1918, he was a member of the Students Army Training Corps at Knox College and he received his honorable discharge in the latter month. His father was a democrat and he was reared in that faith, to which he has always loyally adhered. He has served as precinct committeeman of Elmira precinct since 1931 and he attended the state convention at Springfield as an alternate delegate. Never has he hesitated to support his honest convictions and his worth as a party worker is widely acknowledged.

EARLE FUSSELMAN

Earle Fusselman, of Plainville, Adams county, is a state food inspector. He was born in Richfield township, this county, May 22, 1888, his parents being Charles F. and Cora Ellen Fusselman. The father was also born in Richfield township, his natal day being December 5, 1865, and throughout the greater part of his life he followed farming in his native locality. He was also a rural mail carrier during the last four years of his life and in politics he was always a staunch democrat. He passed away in 1929, having for four years survived his wife, who was born in Payson township, Adams county, January 16, 1868, and died in 1925.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the rural schools of Richfield township, Earle Fusselman attended the high school at Plainville. He was a rural mail carrier for four years, from 1912 until 1916, and then established a store in Plainville, his connection with mercantile interests of the town covering seventeen years. For six and one-half years during the Wilson administration the post office was in his store and Mrs. Fusselman acted as postmaster. For three years after his retirement from the mercantile field Mr. Fusselman engaged in the insurance business and on October 2, 1933, he was appointed state food inspector with a territory that covers the four counties of Adams, Hancock, Pike and Brown. He is making an excellent record in office and has always been a loyal democrat. His service is a credit to his department and his official record commends him to the confidence and support of all. When twenty-two years of age he was elected precinct committeeman and he has served at intervals since that time, having been again elected in 1932 and once more in 1934. During the past four years he has been a member of the executive committee of the Adams county democratic central committee. He attends practically all of the state conventions of his party, either as a delegate or as a visitor, and he has been active in civic as well as political affairs. For two years he served as village treasurer, for four years as village clerk and for nine years as clerk of Payson township. In 1932 he was elected supervisor of Payson township, being the first democrat chosen to that position from the township in thirty years. He is still a member of the board. The public knows him as a thoroughly conscientious man, loyal to every duty, and his record has gained for him the highest commendation.

On the 29th of May, 1913, Mr. Fusselman was united in marriage to Nellie L. Thompson and they became the parents of two children, Carroll M. and Warren E. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist Church. Mr. Fusselman belongs to the Masonic fraternity and is a past master of Plainville Lodge. He is also connected with the Eagles and with the Elks of Quincy and he has been identified with the South Side Boat Club of Quincy. His entire life has been passed in Adams county, where he is widely and favorably known and where his circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

HERMAN WOLFF

Among the native sons of Lake county who still reside within its borders is numbered Herman Wolff, a well known member of the highway patrol force. He was here born on the 13th of December, 1904, his parents being Andrew and Eva Wolff.

After mastering the elementary branches of learning Herman Wolff continued his education in the high school at Antioch. He was reared to the occupation of farming, which he continued to follow until he was appointed to his present position as highway maintenance patrolman in February, 1933. He has worked diligently in the performance of his duties and has made an excellent record by his public service.

Mr. Wolff proudly cast his first vote in support of the candidates named on the democratic ticket and has always kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He has never seen occasion to change his political allegiance and has been an earnest party worker. He was elected precinct committeeman in 1932 and was again chosen for the office in 1934. He served as a delegate to the democratic state convention in 1932 and also in 1934 and is well known to many of the party leaders of Illinois. He belongs to the Lake County Democratic Club and willingly assists in its organized efforts to promote party welfare and successes. He makes his home at Lake Villa.

JOHN R. CONNELL

In the death of John R. Connell of Mt. Carroll, Carroll county, Illinois, on the 6th of April, 1934, the democratic party of the state lost one of its most able and staunchest adherents, one who at the time of his passing was the democratic nominee for county judge and one who for many years had been a foremost member of the bar.

John R. Connell was born February 22, 1873, in Thomson, Carroll county, and was a son of Daniel and Joanna (Reagan) Connell, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Daniel Connell was himself a loyal and active member of the democratic party and for fifty years worked for the Milwaukee Railroad.

John R. Connell completed his studies in the public schools by graduating from the high school in Thomson and then, having decided upon the law as his life work, took up his professional studies at the University of Michigan, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1907. He immediately opened an office in Mt. Carroll and was successful from the beginning, having acquired a clientele of most satisfying proportions within very short time. He was state's attorney from 1918 until 1922, and in 1929 was further honored by being made assistant commercial counsel for the New York Central Railroad system in the Chicago office. In 1933 he was selected to become the democratic candidate for the office of county judge, with success at the polls practically assured. However, in Savanna, Illinois, on the 6th of April, while closing a political speech he was stricken. His career was one of real usefulness and his death was a distinct loss to the party to which he gave his allegiance.

On October 16, 1905, Mr. Connell was united in marriage to Mrs. Harriett (Nase) Noyes, who was born in Mt. Carroll, and is a daughter of Major Adam

Nase, who was a major in the Union Army during the Civil war. Mrs. Connell is a graduate of the Frances Shimer School of Mt. Carroll, and for a period of twenty-nine years was associated with her husband in his law office. Likewise she was an ardent worker for the democratic party and, after the death of Mr. Connell, friends of both of them persuaded her to become the democratic candidate for county judge in his place. She was defeated at the election by the republican incumbent by a very narrow margin. Mrs. Connell was reared in the tenets of the republican party, but during the 1932 campaign she became a democrat, and is now regarded as one of the foremost women leaders of the party in Carroll County. Mr. Connell himself, during a portion of his life, was active in republican affairs of the county, but with the advent of the new deal, his great admiration for President Roosevelt, and the success of the democratic party, firmly believing in its value to the country, he changed his political allegiance.

CHESTER LEO HOLLEMBACK

Chester Leo Hollemback, a resident of Keithsburg who is serving as highway maintenance patrolman, was born in Mercer county, Illinois, December 28, 1890, and is a son of H. H. and Mabel (Chamberlin) Hollemback. The father is now deceased, but the mother is living. H. H. Hollemback was a harness maker at the arsenal at Rock Island for a number of years and in politics was an active democrat.

Chester L. Hollemback pursued his education in the Aledo high school and when his textbooks were put aside turned his attention to the occupation of farming, which he has followed until recently. In February, 1933, he was appointed a member of the highway maintenance patrol and is now serving for the second year in this position. He has always been an unfaltering supporter of the democratic party and utilizes every opportunity to further its victories.

In 1915 Mr. Hollemback was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Edgington and to them have been born five children, as follows: Leo, who is a graduate of the Keithsburg high school; Richard; Don W.; Anna May; and Robert L. Mrs. Hollemback is a member of the Catholic Church, while Mr. Hollemback holds membership in the Presbyterian Church. Like her husband, she is much interested in the success of democracy and is now chairman of the Mercer County Women's Democratic Organization, which position she has filled since it was formed. L. C. Hollemback, an uncle of our subject, is a committeeman at Monmouth, and his mother is a committeewoman at Aledo. The family is thus closely identified with democratic activity in this section of the state, its various members having been called to positions of leadership in connection with the work of directing the destinies of democracy in Illinois.

DANIEL H. DESMOND

Daniel H. Desmond is the efficient postmaster of Woodstock and is also connected with agricultural interests in McHenry county. He was born March 21, 1882, on the farm where he still lives in Hartland township, McHenry county, his parents being William and Margaret (Nolan) Desmond, the latter born in 1848. The father was born in 1849, on the farm where his son Daniel now resides, and in the acquirement of an education attended the public schools of Hartland township and the high school of Harvard, from which he was graduated. In young manhood he took up teaching, which he followed for ten or fifteen years in McHenry county. He then concentrated his attention upon farming throughout the remainder of his active career. During the last twenty-four years of his life he and Mrs. Desmond made their home in Woodstock, where he passed away October 14, 1934, and where his widow still resides. William Desmond was always a very prominent and outstanding figure in the public life of the community and was ever a stalwart advocate of the principles of the democratic party. He served on the board of review of McHenry county

for more than thirty years, either as a member thereof or as secretary of the board, and in 1900 was elected to the state legislature, proving an able member of the house. He belonged to the Catholic Church and also to the Foresters.

His son, Daniel H. Desmond, attended the public schools of Hartland township and then entered the high school at Woodstock, from which he was graduated in 1900. He taught school for a year and since that time has engaged in farming, carefully and systematically tilling the soil, from which he produces excellent crops.

On the 8th of October, 1911, Mr. Desmond was united in marriage to Miss Maude Hayes and they are the parents of four children, namely: Lyle, Rose Mary, Lucille and Daniel H., Jr. The family are communicants of the Catholic Church. Mr. Desmond has always voted with the democratic party and has ever been an active worker in its ranks. In 1926 he was elected precinct committeeman and has been re-elected at each biennial period since that time, being chosen secretary of the committee in 1934. His efforts as a party worker and organizer have been most efficient and he well deserved the appointment which came to him October 15, 1934, making him acting postmaster of Woodstock. He took charge of the office on the 1st of November. His wife has been committee-woman of her precinct and has always been active in party affairs. They are widely and favorably known in Mellenry county, where they rank high both socially and as citizens.

H. A. FOSTER

Experience proves that the best educated men are those who have to fight for each educational opportunity. The boy who is given every advantage for acquiring an excellent education does not appreciate his opportunities or take advantage of them as does the boy who can only obtain them through hard work and privations. The pioneer boy of four score years ago had little or no chance to gain more than the most primitive of educations. Schools were very few in number, and poor in quality, and yet the men who have developed from these boys, rank easily among the best informed men of the land.

In 1854, on the 2d of September, there was born to George B. and Martha (Jones) Foster, a son, Henry A. Foster, in Oswego township, Livingston county, Illinois. George Foster was born in Tioga county, New York, August 17, 1824, and came to Livingston county in 1838. Martha Jones was born in Indiana, February 25, 1834, and came to Oswego township, this county, in 1846. They were pioneers in Oswego township after their marriage, and their son, Henry A., lived the life of most pioneer boys, working hard on the farm and securing what education lay within his power. For pleasure, he went hunting and fishing, and enjoyed himself at both pursuits, although he always worried because he was not becoming better educated.

At the age of eighteen years, he came to the conclusion that an educated farmer was likely to succeed better than an uneducated one, even if he cared to remain on the farm; and so he bent all his efforts toward securing a teacher's certificate, and as soon as this was accomplished, began teaching. Every penny was carefully hoarded, so that he might study in higher schools. As soon as he was able, he entered the Northern Indiana Normal, and attended several terms, and once more resumed his teaching to earn more money for his studies, finally finishing, after eight years of alternate studying and teaching, in the Lincoln University, in Lincoln, Illinois, in 1880. His first school was a rural one, but at the close of his work in Lincoln, he taught in Reading township, for one year in Aneona, and then for a period of six years in Pontiac—three years in the grammar grade and three years as principal of the high school. At the expiration of that period, he thought the matter over carefully and decided that the profession of teaching was the most poorly paid for the money invested in long training, so he resigned his position in the Pontiac schools. He was offered and accepted the job of auditing the books at the reformatory. That



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finished, he finally decided to engage in the electric lighting business, then in its infancy. In April, 1889, he began the electric plant at Pontiac, and in 1890, when the plant had been firmly established, the work on the plant at Fairbury was begun. Later, Forrest was added to Fairbury, and the system developed for the two places was not exceeded by any for efficiency.

In 1890 Mr. Foster was again called to work in the educational field by virtue of being nominated and elected county superintendent of schools of Livingston. He ran on the democratic ticket. It now became Mr. Foster's duty to carry on both electrical and educational duties concurrently. This he accomplished successfully. It may not be amiss in this connection to remark that the school work was in a chaotic condition when he was elected county superintendent—no worse than generally prevailed in other counties, but there was no system. He decided that systemization should begin at once. His predecessors, Matthew Tombaugh and G. W. Ferris tried it and did not succeed and he was warned it could not be accomplished. He determined he could bring order out of chaos, so took the matter directly to the people, pleading for their support, and promising one hundred percent more efficient schools if they would give him uniform books for the county. Strenuous times were on in school circles. Township after township was told the benefits to be derived from the superintendent's program, which was as follows:

(1) A uniform system of text books. (2) A course of study. (3) Monthly and term reports from teachers. (4) Monthly and term examinations of district schools. (5) The education of the teachers—how to use his course of study and conduct the examinations. (6) The annual issuance of county diplomas and holding of graduation exercises for the country schools. He boldly announced his plan and determination, and, through the medium of township meetings, presented the matter to the people for their approval, and, the wonder of it all, secured it. The people having chosen their delegates to the county convention to consider the matter and select the books, instructed each delegate, if he found himself in the minority at any time, to change his vote to the majority, thus making the action of the convention unanimous.

Thus a uniform system was provided, the books chosen, terms arranged, and the day set—December 1, 1891—when the exchange should be made. The people did not wait for the directors to sign contracts, but changed anyway. Thus, in ten days the exchange was effected, and school books were uniform in Livingston county.

It was now up to the county superintendent to make good. Institutes were called and careful papers prepared, instructing teachers how to use the new books. These papers were published in one of the county papers and freely distributed to teachers and directors. All this was ably seconded by "The School News," a monthly publication issued from the superintendent's office. Then came the building of the course of study, which was placed in the teachers' hands in August, 1892. The teachers were now plainly told their fitness to teach would be measured by their success in using the course of study, holding examinations and making prompt report to the superintendent. Thus was a long forward step taken—a step that riveted the eyes of the entire state on Livingston county. The superintendent was ably supported by the following persons, as well as by a host not mentioned: C. R. Tombaugh, C. M. Hamilton (assistant county superintendent), C. E. Slaughter, C. E. DeButts, Margaret Powell, J. E. Bangs, Ada Peart, Amanda Hubbard and the entire county press. Everything worked out as planned, and the success was more complete than the most ardent had hoped for. Mr. Tombaugh succeeded Mr. Foster and he ably carried on the work, thus firmly established.

Returning to his electrical activities, we refer briefly to the fact that Mr. Foster's station at Fairbury was the first generating station in the United States to serve current to a distant town. The venture was so successful that the electrical press of the nation gave much space to this innovation. Soon combinations were formed, current produced at a much lower figure to con-

sumers. Mr. Foster was elected president of the Illinois Electrical Association in 1911, and in the following year he brought about the formation of the Central Illinois Public Utilities Company, which was later taken over by the Central Illinois Public Service Company.

In November, 1912, Mr. Foster was elected to the forty-eighth general assembly, in which session he did outstanding work. He was responsible for pulling the woman's suffrage bill out of the hands of a committee and piloted it through the house to passage. At the close of the session in 1913, Mr. Foster left for his rice farm in Arkansas and for the next five years devoted his time to that industry. In 1920, having sold his southern interests, he returned to his home in Fairbury to live a life of retirement. Notwithstanding his many business interests, Mr. Foster has always found time for the manifestation of a proper public spirit, and he has always been in the foremost ranks of those who have been active in promoting the welfare of the various communities in which he has lived. A Democrat, and a member of the party because it advocates a low tariff and those principles are in accordance with Mr. Foster's own views.

On the first of September, 1892, Mr. Foster was united in marriage to Miss Ada M. Peart of Braidwood, Illinois, and they became the parents of two sons: George Peart, born in 1896, who is now purchasing agent for the Sinclair Refining Company in the northeastern division of the United States, with headquarters in New York City, and Henry Hamilton, who is associated with the firm of Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Chicago.

A. B. Foster, a nephew of H. A. Foster, was born in Fairbury, Livingston county, Illinois, December 25, 1896, a son of N. J. and Sarah (Van Dorn) Foster, also natives of this state. N. J. Foster, an electrician, and H. A. Foster, built the first electric plant in Fairbury in 1890. A. B. Foster attended the public schools of his native city until he graduated from the Fairbury high school and then entered the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts. At the time of the World war, he spent one year overseas as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Infantry Machine Gun Company, Thirty-third Division, with which he participated in three major offensives and one major defensive. He was gassed in the service and was honorably discharged in June, 1919. He has since been an active member of the American Legion and has attended several of its state and national conventions. After leaving the army, he conducted a garage in Fairbury in association with his father for three years, then the business was sold. Since that time he has devoted his attention to commercial art and advertising in Fairbury with merited success. Aside from his business activities, he has followed in the political footsteps of his father and his uncle, succeeding the latter as a member of the democratic county committee in 1932. At present he is holding the position of auto investigator in the automobile department of the secretary of state. He was also a delegate to the judicial conventions in Champaign and Bloomington, Illinois.

In 1921, Mr. Foster married Miss Mildred Compton, of Fairbury, Illinois, and they are the parents of a daughter, Barbara, twelve years of age.

JOSEPH EDWARD HARTMAN

Joseph Edward Hartman, of Batavia, is one of the state's employes, serving as a highway helper. He was born April 28, 1903, in the city in which he yet makes his home, his parents being John and Anna Hartman, who are now residents of Aurora, Illinois, to which place they removed during the early boyhood of their son Joseph, who there attended the grammar schools. After completing his education he worked on the railroad, also engaged in highway construction and worked at the building trade. He likewise at one time occupied a position in connection with a golf course and then took up the occupation of farming, making a specialty of truck gardening. He has likewise done landscaping, has engaged in peddling milk and has carried on business as a teaming contractor.

He has thus led a very busy, useful and active life, working diligently to advance his interests along legitimate lines. On the 1st of April, 1933, he was made a highway maintenance helper, receiving appointment to this position by reason of his affiliation with the democratic party, with which he has voted since age conferred upon him the right of franchise.

In 1926 Mr. Hartman was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Sesselmann and they are the parents of four children, as follows: Eugene, Charles, Nicholas and William. The family attends the Catholic Church and Mr. Hartman is identified fraternally with the Loyal Order of Moose. His entire life has been passed in Batavia and vicinity, where he is well known.

JOSEPH A. NAGEL

Joseph A. Nagel, of West Chicago, who has been connected with the highway maintenance department since May 2, 1934, was born in the city where he still lives, March 23, 1908, a son of Theodore and Mary (Dieter) Nagel. At the usual age he attended the public schools of West Chicago and in 1927, when a youth of nineteen years, entered the employ of the Chicago & North Western Railway as a freight brakeman. He remained in the railroad service for five years.

In 1932 Mr. Nagel began taking an interest in local democratic affairs and in April, 1934, was elected precinct committeeman and as such is active in party work. His appointment to his present position came to him in May, 1934, and was a merited reward for loyal political service. Mr. Nagel is a member of the Catholic Church and also belongs to the Knights of Columbus.

MRS. NELLIE (GOUGH) STEWART

Mrs. Nellie (Gough) Stewart is holding the responsible position of assistant superintendent of the Illinois State Reformatory for Girls at Dwight, and by reason of what she has accomplished in this connection, as well as by reason of her service in behalf of democracy, she is entitled to representation in this work. Her father, Edward Gough, was born in England and on coming to the United States settled in Jacksonville, Morgan county, Illinois, where he had a sister living. He afterward removed to Waverly, where he resided until about 1906, when he established his home in Girard, Illinois, but subsequently returned to Waverly, where he passed away in 1923. In young manhood he engaged in the butchering business and later followed farming, while subsequently he became proprietor of a hotel and so continued until his death. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Florence Ashbaugh, was born on a farm near Waverly. They were married April 14, 1881, and became parents of two children, but one died in infancy.

Their daughter Nellie attended the public schools of Waverly, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. On the 31st of December, 1908, she became the wife of Dr. Frank A. Stewart, a dentist of Waverly, who was born on a farm near Pawnee, Illinois, a son of T. A. and Maria L. (Colean) Stewart. He was educated in the grade and high schools of Springfield, Illinois, and in the Chicago College of Dentistry, from which he was graduated in 1905. He afterward practiced for a year in Virden, Illinois, and then removed to Girard, where he still follows his profession. During the World war he enlisted in the Dental Corps at Springfield and was called for action May 16, 1918. He left for duty ten days later at Camp Sherman, near Chillicothe, Ohio, and served there for six months with the rank of first lieutenant, after which he was transferred to Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Maryland, where he remained until October 31, 1919, when he was mustered out. He now holds the rank of major in the Reserves of his home city.

Dr. Stewart has always been keenly interested in politics and has served as a member of the county committee for eighteen years and on the executive committee for a number of years. He is now a member of the fifty-eighth general

assembly of Illinois as representative from the thirty-eighth district, having been elected in 1932. From the time that the franchise was conferred upon women Mrs. Stewart has also been an active party worker and has served as committeeman in her precinct, and for eight years has been county chairman of the democratic women of Macoupin county. In December, 1933, she was appointed to her present position as assistant superintendent of the Illinois State Reformatory for Girls at Dwight. She has a firm belief that personal contact is a most potent element in political work and has accomplished much by her efforts in that connection.

Dr. and Mrs. Stewart, prompted by a broad humanitarian purpose, took two girls into their home whom they reared and educated. Mrs. Stewart has always been very active in the Legion Auxiliary and was president of the Girard unit for four years, while for one year she was county president and for two years was district chaplain. She is a member of the Methodist Church of Girard, belongs to the Eastern Star and has always been active in everything of a civic nature pertaining to the welfare and upbuilding of her community. During the World war she was a very earnest worker in the Red Cross. The Doctor is a thirty-second degree Mason and for two years served as master of the blue lodge at Girard, while for a similar period he was high high priest of the chapter. He was also president of the Chamber of Commerce, and both Dr. and Mrs. Stewart are members of the Oak Leaf Country Club at Girard. They are in entire harmony in their activities for the benefit of the individual or for the advancement of community welfare as well as in their political ideals. They occupy an enviable social position and are numbered among the leading and representative people of their part of the state.

L. L. BOYLE

L. L. Boyle, acting postmaster of Roberts, has been a member of the democratic county committee of Ford county during the past eighteen years and its chairman since 1932. He was born in Shenandoah, Iowa, September 17, 1872, his parents being Daniel and Lizzie (Burns) Boyle, who removed to Roberts, Illinois, in 1878. Daniel Boyle, a farmer and drayman, was a lifelong supporter of the democratic party and held a number of local offices in the village of Roberts. His wife is still living in Roberts at the age of seventy-nine years and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community.

L. L. Boyle, who was six years of age when he came with his parents to Roberts, Illinois, here acquired his education in the public schools and has remained a resident of the community to the present time. In young manhood he learned the barber trade, which he followed in Roberts for several years. He was afterward engaged in business as a stockman for many years, breeding fine studs, and he also conducted a general mercantile establishment and a meat market in Roberts. Aside from his business activities he has been an efficient public servant and a leader in the local ranks of the democratic party. He has served as assessor of Lyman township for the past eight years, has been a member of the township board for five years and was tax collector of Lyman township for one term. He was appointed postmaster of Roberts by President Wilson in 1916, thus serving until 1922, and in March, 1934, again received appointment to the position of acting postmaster, which he is now filling. Since 1916 he has been a member of the democratic county committee, of which he has served as chairman since 1932. He was a delegate to the state convention at Springfield, in 1924, when Norman L. Jones received the democratic nomination for governor, and he served on the senatorial committee for one year. He is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and enjoys high standing in fraternal and social as well as political circles of Ford county and this part of the state.

In 1914 Mr. Boyle married Naomi Newman, who passed away leaving a son, Royce, now employed in the welfare department at the state capitol. In 1926 Mr. Boyle married Mrs. Minnie Kesting Carr.



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EUGENE V. FARRELL

Eugene V. Farrell, a veteran of the World war and now connected with the board of health of Peoria, has ever been keenly interested in all that makes for good citizenship and for public progress. Born at Monett, Missouri, June 7, 1895, he is a son of Lee and Nancy (Manning) Farrell, the former a native of Carbondale, Illinois, and the latter of Virginia. The ancestry can be traced back to the Old Dominion, where representatives of the family enlisted for service in the Revolutionary war. James Farrell, the paternal grandfather of Eugene V. Farrell, was a veteran of the Civil war and for many years was a preacher of the Christian Church in southern Illinois, devoting his life to the work of the gospel. His son, Lee Farrell, became a general contractor, following the business in Peoria and in Texas. He wedded Nancy Manning and their family numbered two children, but their son, Earl G., is now deceased.

Eugene V. Farrell, the surviving son, completed his education in St. Basil College in Waco, Texas, where he studied literature, Latin and Greek. Coming to Peoria, Illinois, he was here associated with his father in the contracting business, but at the time of the World war he entered the military service of his country and was sent to Camp Logan. Later he went overseas, where he participated in the hotly contested engagements of St. Mihiel, the Argonne and the Meuse. Following the signing of the armistice he returned to the United States and was mustered out at Camp Grant, June 8, 1919. Later he was employed as a salesman by various oil companies, so continuing until he was appointed milk inspector in the department of public health by Mayor O'Brien and has since served in this position.

In early manhood Mr. Farrell was united in marriage to Marie Von Seeger, of Elgin, Illinois, and they are the parents of two children, Robert and Kathleen. In politics Mr. Farrell is keenly interested and is especially active in the party work of the fifth ward. He never neglects an opportunity to aid in the advancement of democracy and to further every project that has to do with progressive citizenship in Peoria.

CONRAD C. MILLER

On the 5th of July, 1934, Conrad C. Miller received his commission as postmaster of Chadwick and has been in charge of the office since the 1st of February of the same year. Carroll county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Fairhaven township, February 9, 1880. His father, Conrad G. Miller, was a native of Germany and died in 1884. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Caroline Hoffman, was born in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, and passed away in Chadwick in 1917.

Conrad C. Miller attended the rural schools of Fairhaven township and continued his education in the high school of Chadwick, being numbered among its alumni of 1898. When his school days were over he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1915, when he was appointed postmaster of Chadwick, filling the office continuously until 1922. For the past seven years he has been engaged in the insurance business, being agent for several of the old-line companies. Then he was again called to the office of postmaster, being appointed acting postmaster on the 1st of February, 1934, and receiving his commission on the 5th of July. He brought to the duties of the position the benefit of previous experience and his record in office is worthy of all commendation.

On the 12th of June, 1906, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Marie N. Geisz and they are the parents of three sons, namely: Leo B., who is connected with the Dixon National Bank of Dixon, Illinois; Eugene C., an attendant at the Dixon State Hospital; and Arthur C., at home.

Mr. Miller never fails to manifest his political preference at the polls and has long been recognized as an active party worker. He has served at various

times, for at least ten years, as a member of the democratic central committee of Carroll county. For four years he was village treasurer of Chadwick and for two terms a member of the village council. For one term he served as village clerk and has made an excellent official record in all of these capacities. He is a member of Chadwick Lodge, No. 857, A. F. & A. M., in which he has been active, advancing to but not through the office of master of the lodge, and he belongs to the chapter at Atlanta. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. The family are members of the Lutheran Church. There has been nothing spectacular in his career and his entire life has been passed in Carroll county, where he has a large circle of warm friends.

FRANK W. KRAUSE

For more than a third of a century Frank W. Krause has been working for the democratic party because of a firm belief in its principles. Making his home in Elmhurst, he is now serving as a member of the highway maintenance police force and continues his work for democracy as a member of the county central committee. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, July 23, 1883, a son of William Krause, deceased. The father was a lifelong democrat, active during his time in his ward in Baltimore. In 1891 he removed to Illinois and spent the remainder of his days in Elmhurst.

His son, Frank W. Krause, attended the public schools of Elmhurst and after his textbooks were put aside spent ten years as a clerk in a general store. He next became cashier for the Chicago & North Western Railway at Elmhurst, continuing in the position for seven years. The succeeding twelve years he spent in the employ of the Elmhurst-Chicago Stone Company.

Mr. Krause has also been a democrat and his study of political conditions and problems confirms his belief in the party. In 1900 he was elected precinct committeeman and with the exception of two terms he has served on the county central committee since that date and never was defeated when a candidate for the office. In February, 1933, he was appointed highway maintenance patrolman and has since served. He makes his home with his mother in Elmhurst, where he has spent the greater part of his life and where he is well known, having many friends here.

HARRY GUY WALTON

Harry Guy Walton, master mechanic at the Illinois State Farm at Vandalia, has held various important positions to which he has been entitled by reason of his well developed powers in the field of engineering and construction. His entire life has been passed at Vandalia, where he was born October 12, 1895, a son of Joseph Willard and Lucinda (Morton) Walton. His grandfather in the paternal line was a soldier with the Union forces in the Civil war. Joseph W. Walton was an ardent democrat of the Jeffersonian type, and while he never held political office or desired political preferment, he was called the wheel horse of his party in his precinct and county.

The public schools of Vandalia accorded Harry Guy Walton his educational opportunities and when he had completed the work of the grades he spent one year as a high school pupil. In young manhood he took up the study of engineering and fitted himself for the position of city engineer, to which he was appointed in 1921, serving in that capacity for six years. He then accepted a position as engineer with the Illinois Power & Light Company in Vandalia and held the job for about a year, when he resigned in order to enter the contracting business on his own account. In this he was actuated by a laudable ambition and he soon developed a substantial business to which he devoted his time and energies until made master mechanic at the Illinois State Farm at Vandalia on the 1st of March, 1933.

There is an interesting military chapter in the life record of Mr. Walton, who in early manhood enlisted in the Illinois National Guard. When the country

became involved in the great World war he offered his services in 1917 and after brief training was sent to France, being a member of Company 1, Illinois Volunteers. Later he was transferred to a supply company and saw active service on five battlefields—the Meuse-Argonne, Verdun, Trionne, Alvers and St. Mihiel. He was discharged in 1918 and became a member of the army of occupation in Luxembourg. He belongs to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and to the American Legion.

On the 20th of January, 1918, in Vandalia, Illinois, Mr. Walton was united in marriage to Miss Rohima Squibb and they have two children, Harry G., Jr., and Katherine Clair. The parents are members of the Christian Church. Mr. Walton always votes with the democratic party and has attended several of the county conventions. In all matters of citizenship he is as true and loyal to the best interests of community, commonwealth and country as he was when he followed the stars and stripes to the battlefield of France.

THOMAS WILLIAM GUBBINS

Thomas William Gubbins is one of the state maintenance patrolmen, having been appointed in February, 1933. He makes his home at Wyoming, Stark county, and has always been a resident of Illinois, his birth having occurred at Campgrove, in Marshall county, June 16, 1887. His parents were Joseph W. and Mary (Blackburn) Gubbins, both of whom gave political support to the democratic party. The father is now deceased.

Thomas W. Gubbins acquired his education in the public schools of his native county and throughout his entire life he has given considerable attention to farming. He owns and operates a farm in Marshall county and has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation. For eight years he engaged in the hardware business, continuing to conduct his store until 1926. From 1928 until 1932 he had a Standard Oil station at Wyoming and since February, 1933, he has served as state maintenance patrolman, the duties of which office claim much of his time and attention.

On the 21st of November, 1906, at Campgrove, Illinois, Mr. Gubbins was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Moran and they are the parents of a daughter and a son, Mary Darlene and Paul Robert, aged respectively twenty-five and seventeen years. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church. Mr. Gubbins is well known throughout the section of the state where he has always lived and where his activities and interests have ever been of a character that have won for him the respect and goodwill of his fellow townsmen.

MRS. HARRIET J. SUMMERS

Mrs. Harriet J. Summers, probation officer at East St. Louis, was born in Chicago, Illinois, a daughter of Deriek and Elizabeth (Kingdon) Janse. Her father was born in the state of New York and was of Holland descent. He removed with his family to East St. Louis when his daughter Harriet was twelve years of age and here became connected with the packing industry. He was also a well known figure in political circles, always supporting the democratic party, and he served on the county board of supervisors and as public weighmaster in East St. Louis, where he was well and favorably known. His wife was a native of England.

Attending the public schools of East St. Louis, Harriet Janse in due time was graduated from the high school and in young womanhood became the wife of Cornelius A. Summers, who spent the greater part of his life in this city. He was in the sheet metal business. He was also an active democrat and he served for two terms as county recorder of St. Clair county, while for one term he was tax collector of Centerville township. He also acted as superintendent of the special assessment of East St. Louis and he served for many years as a member of the county committee and managed the county campaigns on various occasions, his intelligently directed effort and powers of organization

enabling him to do most effective work in winning democratic victories. He passed away in November, 1927.

Mrs. Summers has been very active in political affairs since 1912, when she was made secretary of the Woodrow Wilson Club. In 1928 she was appointed deputy county recorder under Walter Flannigen and served for three years, or until 1930, when she was appointed probation officer of St. Clair county by Judge Paul Farthing. In this position she has since continued, covering an incumbency of four years. In 1932 she was one of the organizers of the East St. Louis Democratic Women's Club and became its vice president, so remaining until 1934, when she was elected president.

Mrs. Summers is the mother of a son and a daughter, Archie and Eleanor, the latter the wife of William Thompson of East St. Louis. Both Archie Summers and William Thompson are democratic precinct committeemen. Mrs. Summers belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star and she is an active and faithful member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in the work of which she is helpfully interested.

MRS. ROSE MOSS SCOTT

Mrs. Rose Moss Scott, living on the Willrose Farm near Chrisman and a well known representative of agricultural interests in Edgar county, was born near Paris, Illinois, December 3, 1869, a daughter of John and Nancy (Sousley) Moss. Her father was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, and in young manhood came to Illinois, settling upon a farm near Paris, Edgar county, in 1852. Here he prospered by reason of his capable management and business ability and became a worthwhile business man, a farmer and cattle man, owning several hundred acres of land. He was closely associated not only with the agricultural but with the political and moral development of the county throughout his remaining days. In 1869 he was elected the first democratic county treasurer after the war. Keenly interested in politics, he worked untiringly for the party. He was a member of the first town council of Chrisman and served for six years, and served as trustee for ten years. He was supervisor from Ross township in 1874 and was elected mayor of Chrisman in 1889, and during his term of office the principal streets were gravelled, which was quite a change from the mud streets. John Moss was prominent in the councils of his party and frequently was sent as a delegate to the various conventions. He was a member of the building committee of the schoolhouse erected in Chrisman in the year 1877, and for fifteen years served on the school board. He was a loyal member of the Presbyterian Church, served as one of its elders for several years and was on the building committee when its first house of worship was erected. He died in 1915, while his wife, who was born in Kentucky and lived there until her marriage in 1867, departed this life in 1916.

Their daughter, Rose Moss, acquired her early education in the grammar and high schools of Chrisman and then attended a private school. In 1894 she became the bride of William T. Scott, a son of James T. and Mary E. (Ryan) Scott, who were natives of Ohio and became pioneer farming people of Edgar county. William T. Scott was educated in the Chrisman schools and has always engaged in farming, having for the past eighteen years had charge of the Epps farms, comprising several farming properties in Edgar county, which he wisely and profitably manages. He is very active in civic affairs and is interested in all that pertains to general welfare and improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott have one son, John Robert, who is a graduate of the Chrisman high school and attended De Pauw University at Greencastle, Indiana, until he entered the World war. In 1917 he enlisted in Company C of the Fifty-ninth Infantry of the Fourth Division and went overseas. He was in the St. Mihiel drive and for several months was in a hospital, receiving his discharge at Camp Grant on the 6th of February, 1919. He is now operating his father's farm.



MRS. ROSE MOSS SCOTT

Mrs. Scott has been a staunch believer in the democratic party from her girlhood days to the present time and has been an active party worker since 1922, participating in every campaign. She does her work quietly and is not a member of any committee but wields a considerable influence among those who know her. In the Daughters of the American Revolution she holds membership and was state historian from 1927 until 1929, during which time she compiled a history of The Daughters of the American Revolution of Illinois, for which work she has been highly complimented by people from all over the state. She has also compiled a history of the Moss family which has been published and she is well known as a writer of both prose and poetry, which is published in various magazines of the United States and England. She belongs to the League of American Penwomen and to the Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims, and in connection with the latter she has edited and published the News Letter. She also has membership in the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania, Mayflower Society, Daughters of the American Colonists, Founders and Patriots of America, and the Daughters of 1812. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which she is an active worker, having for sixteen years taught the ladies' Bible class. She studied writing privately after her marriage and her ability and talent along this line have made her widely known. After completing the high school course in Chrisman, she took a four years' course in literature and art, later completing the Delphian course of six years, 1922 to 1928 inclusive. In 1927 she published a book of poems—"Back Home."

Mr. Scott and his son are members of the Masonic fraternity and of the Mystic Shrine, and the family is prominent socially.

ANDREW J. HUGHES

Andrew J. Hughes, a resident of Villa Park since 1926 and now serving as a highway maintenance patrolman, was born in Pittston, Pennsylvania, January 18, 1887, his parents being Owen and Mary Hughes. The father died in 1888 but the mother still makes her home in Chicago, to which city she removed following her husband's death.

Andrew J. Hughes was at that time a very young child and at the usual age he entered the public schools, being graduated in due time from the McLaren grammar school. In 1926 he removed to Du Page county, settling in Villa Park, where he has since made his home, and since 1928 he has taken an active part in local democratic affairs, working consistently and effectively for the party. In 1932 he was elected precinct committeeman and was re-elected in 1934, so that he is now a member of the county central committee and aids in shaping the policies and guiding the destiny of the party in Du Page county. On the 18th of November, 1933, he was appointed highway maintenance patrolman of Section 109, District 64, and is now acceptably filling this position.

Mr. Hughes married Mamie Lennon and they have a family of eight children. Their religious faith is that of the Catholic Church.

JOHN ENDRES

Among the public officials of Peoria is numbered John Endres, who is now food inspector of the board of health of the city. This is a position of much importance and responsibility and he measures up to the highest standards of service. Mr. Endres was born in Peoria, October 24, 1894, a son of Michael and Yetta (Baer) Endres, both of whom are natives of Germany and for many years have been esteemed and useful residents of this city. Michael Endres is particularly well known in Peoria and to thousands of persons who have visited here, for more than forty years ago he established the Endres Hotel, noted for its air of hospitality and its fine old German cooking. In fact it is one of the real institutions of Peoria and its proprietor is a most popular citizen. To him and his wife were born five children, namely: John, Hubert, Anna, Matilda and Lillian.

John Endres acquired a public school education and then became the active assistant of his father, with whom he has been associated in the hotel business for a number of years. They have made theirs a most delightful hostelry, ever carefully looking after the comfort of their guests, and many there are who have come to them again and again on visits to Peoria. John Endres served for fifteen months in the World war, holding the rank of second lieutenant, and his brother, Hubert, is also a veteran of that conflict, having been a member of a hospital unit. He is a musician by profession and was connected with the famous Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra for some time but is now a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, one of the outstanding musical organizations of the country.

In early manhood Mr. Endres was united in marriage to Miss Veda Tremont Schneider, daughter of Virgil and Lois Schneider, and they are the parents of a daughter, Lois Joanne. Mr. Endres belongs to the American Legion and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. He also is a member of the Masonic Order. He has been a consistent democrat through all the years since he attained his majority and has done what he could to further the interests of the party, never faltering in his support of its principles nor in his allegiance to its candidates. In 1933 he was appointed food inspector by Mayor O'Brien and his official record reflects credit and honor upon the party which he represents.

ROBERT H. BEVERLY, M. D.

Dr. Robert H. Beverly, who is district health superintendent for the colored people of the state and has his offices in Springfield, was born in Fairfax county, Virginia, January 27, 1877, and is a son of Ezekiel Beverly. He obtained a public school education in his native county and then attended the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute at Hampton, Virginia. Later he pursued a special preparatory course in medicine at Loyola Institute of Chicago and then studied medicine at Loyola, which was at that time known as the Bennett Medical College. He was graduated in 1912 with the M. D. degree. He spent part of the following year in Virginia and the remainder of the year in Cleveland, Ohio, in the attempt to get together enough money to enable him to begin practice. Locating in Jacksonville, Illinois, he there followed his profession for seven years, during which time he was a candidate for alderman on the republican ticket. He afterward resided in Peoria for a year and since that time has been in Springfield, successfully following his profession among the people of his own race. Here he has taken quite an active part in politics as a supporter of democracy and is a member and director of the Roosevelt-Horner Democratic Organization of Sangamon county. He was founder and president of the Downstate Democratic League, a colored organization, and president of the Colored Democratic Club of Sangamon county, of which he has been practically the head since its organization in 1928. In that year he led the colored democrats in the national campaign in Sangamon county. In 1930 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the board of supervisors. He is now district health superintendent and also has charge of public health among the colored people for the entire state, working under Dr. Frank Jirka, director of public health for Illinois. On the twentieth anniversary of the National Negro Health Week in 1934, the state recognized the celebration and he was made the director of that function for Illinois. In the fall of 1933 he was a delegate to the judicial convention at Carrollton.

In June, 1913, Dr. Beverly was married to Miss Lillian Williams, of Lynchburg, Virginia, and they have six sons, namely: Robert, Jr., and Ralph, twins; Raymond; Milton; Gerald; and James. Dr. Beverly has always been a student of the Bible and is well versed on Holy Writ. He is a member of Capital City Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, is also affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and along strictly professional lines has membership in the Sangamon County Medical

Association and the Illinois State Medical Association. Through his own efforts he has accomplished much, gradually advancing in his profession until his ability has brought him wide recognition as a physician of worth to the colored people of Illinois.

JAMES O. KELLEY

James O. Kelley, head farmer at the Illinois State Farm at Vandalia, is well qualified for the duties and responsibilities that devolve upon him in this connection, for his entire life has been devoted to agricultural and kindred pursuits, so that he brought broad experience to his present position. Mr. Kelley was born in Alton, Illinois, June 24, 1876, a son of James and Margaret (Lungton) Kelley. He acquired his education by pursuing the work of the public schools up to and including the eighth grade. In his youth he engaged in farming and his entire attention was given to the work of the fields until 1906, when he removed to Alton and entered the grocery and poultry business. In this he engaged until 1930, remaining one of the enterprising business men of the city through almost a quarter of a century.

On the 12th of August, 1920, in Alton, Illinois, Mr. Kelley was united in marriage to Miss Sophie Meyer. They are communicants of the Catholic Church and politically Mr. Kelley has always been a democrat. While living in Alton he served as one of the alderman of the city from 1920 until 1924 and became street commissioner in 1928, filling the office for a two-year term. He was then made road commissioner in Jersey county, serving from 1916 until 1918. On the 1st of March, 1933, he was appointed head farmer at the Illinois State Farm at Vandalia and at once took up his duties, since which time he has rendered a good account of his activities to those above him. The farm presents a most attractive appearance, being carefully and systematically cultivated, while excellent crops are annually garnered. Mr. Kelley has attended several of the county conventions and he remains an earnest and zealous supporter of democratic principles.

JOSEPH JOHN MATHIEU

On the list of those who constitute the county central committee of the democratic party in Du Page county appears the name of Joseph John Mathieu, of Villa Park, who is also occupying a position as a member of the highway maintenance patrol. His loyalty in citizenship was further indicated by his response to the colors during the World war when he joined the United States Navy.

Mr. Mathieu was born in Chicago, June 27, 1892, a son of Joseph J. and Clara (Heller) Mathieu, the latter still a resident of Chicago. The father, who died in 1909, was a staunch democrat who worked earnestly for his party in the old thirty-fifth ward of Chicago and was a member of the ward democratic club for a number of years.

Joseph J. Mathieu attended the parochial schools of his native city and on the 6th of April, 1917, volunteered for service in the United States Navy, becoming a first-class seaman on the U. S. S. Montana. Throughout the duration of the war he was on active duty in the convoy service.

Mr. Mathieu had become a resident of Villa Park in 1915 and has lived here ever since. In young manhood he learned the pattern maker's trade in Chicago and continued to follow that line of work until he became connected with the highway maintenance department, following his appointment to his present position as a patrolman in November, 1933.

In 1916 Mr. Mathieu was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Smith and they are the parents of two children, Geraldine and Donald. The family are Catholics, and Mr. Mathieu is a member of the Holy Name Society. He belongs to Villa Park Post of the American Legion and he was the organizer of the Democratic Club of Villa Park. At the present time he is vice president of the York Township Democratic Organization. In 1930 he was appointed precinct committeeman, was elected to the position in 1932 and re-elected in 1934. He is the com-

mitteeman of the fifth precinct of York township. There were only about fifty democratic votes in his precinct in 1930, and in 1934 two hundred and thirty-seven democratic votes were cast in the primary. He had done active and effective work in building up the party organization in his precinct and his fellow political workers acknowledge his worth.

RALPH McLAUGHLIN

Ralph McLaughlin, who is filling the office of postmaster at Baylis, Pike county, was born in Fairmount township, this county, October 27, 1894, his parents being J. A. and Sarah E. (Chamberlain) McLaughlin. Throughout his entire life the father has engaged in farming in Fairmount township and the land upon which he resides has been in possession of the family since 1816, showing that the McLaughlins are among the earliest of the pioneer settlers of the state, for this was two years before Illinois' admission to the Union. In politics he has always been a staunch democrat, thus following in the footsteps of his ancestors, who have given support to the party through many generations.

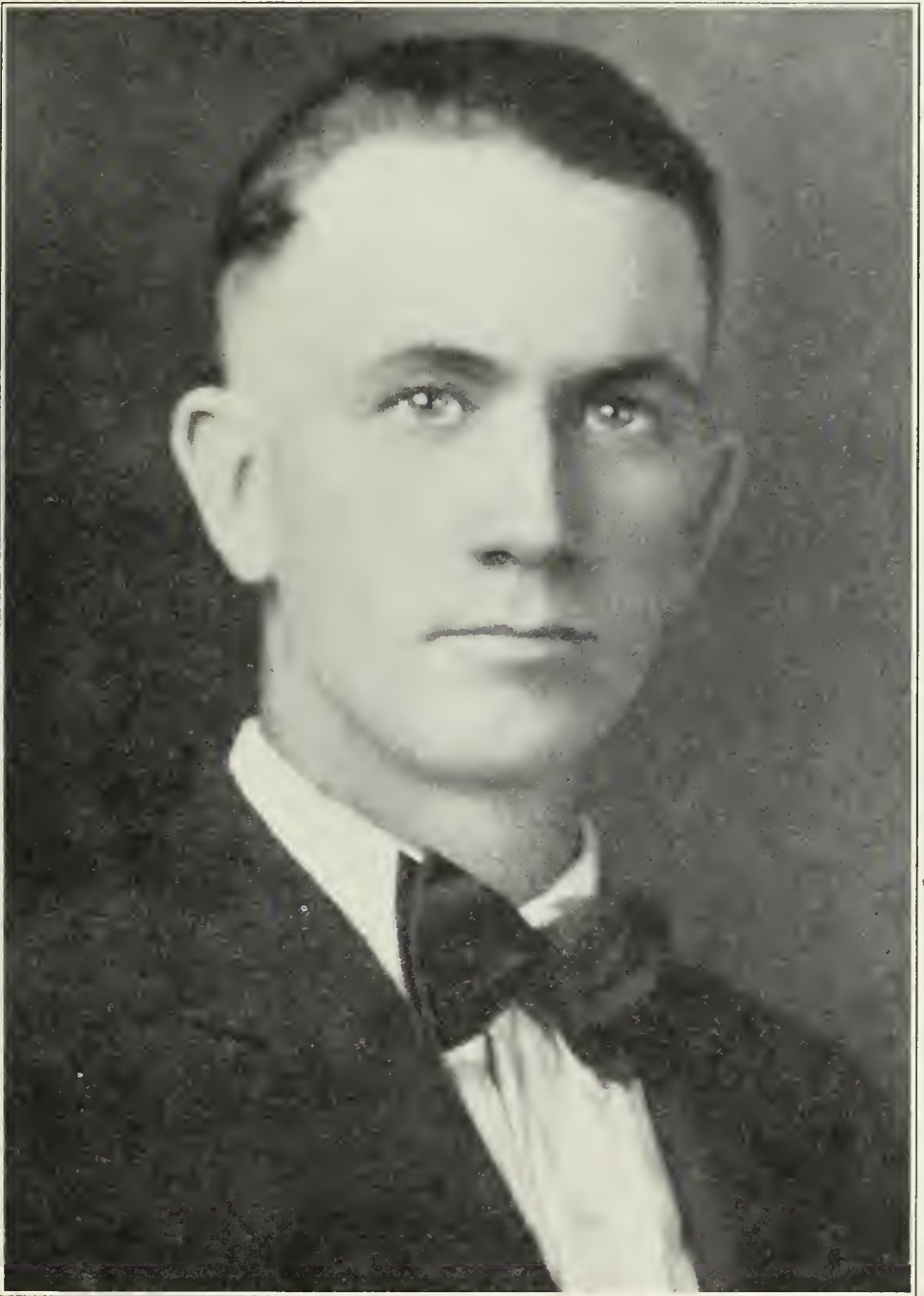
Ralph McLaughlin attended the public schools of Fairmount township and for one year was a pupil in the high school in Pittsfield. He afterward took up teaching, which he followed for four years in Fairmount township, and since that time he has given his attention to farming. During his boyhood days he had worked in the fields with his father and early became familiar with progressive methods of tilling the soil and handling the crops. His work as a farmer has been a valuable contributing element to the agricultural progress of the community.

On January 21, 1915, Mr. McLaughlin was united in marriage to Miss Eva E. Martin and they are the parents of four children: Elsie Geraldine, Florence Ellen, Wayne Loraine and Ralph Merle. Mr. McLaughlin is well known in fraternal circles, belonging to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also to the Masonic lodge. He has membership in the Methodist Church and his entire life has been actuated by high and honorable principles, making him a man whom to know is to esteem and respect. Mr. McLaughlin has been active in democratic affairs since old enough to take up party work and in April, 1934, he was elected precinct committeeman. On the 11th of May, 1934, he was made acting postmaster of Baylis and on the 30th of May he received his commission confirming his appointment for a four-year term.

JOHN P. RUSSELL

John P. Russell, secretary of the Ford county central committee, has been actively engaged in business as manager of the Roberts Grain Company of Roberts since 1925. He was born in Roberts, Ford county, Illinois, February 13, 1895, his parents being Joseph T. and Nora (Riordon) Russell, who still live on the home place. Patriek Russell, the paternal grandfather of our subject, became a resident of Chicago when a youth of eighteen years and obtained a position at the old Tremont Hotel, where Stephen A. Douglas was a frequent guest. Later he came to Roberts, Illinois, where he turned his attention to farming pursuits. Joseph R. Russell, the father of John P. Russell, was born in Roberts and has here been successfully engaged in farming. Following in the political footsteps of his father, he is an active worker in the local ranks of the democratic party.

The public schools of Roberts afforded John P. Russell his educational opportunities. In young manhood he was chosen at a special election to fill an unexpired term as circuit clerk and recorder of Ford county, which office he filled most acceptably. When the United States entered the World war he was detailed to Camp Dodge, Iowa, where he was mess sergeant for eight months and was then commissioned second lieutenant, thus serving until honorably discharged. He has since been a member of the reserve force and now holds the rank of first lieutenant. An active member of the American Legion, he has served as commander



RALPH McLAUGHLIN

of Roberts Post, No. 641, for two terms. Since 1925 he has been connected with the Roberts Grain Company in a managerial capacity and has contributed in substantial measure to the steady growth and success of the business.

Mr. Russell has been an influential factor in the local ranks of the democratic party since attaining his majority and has served as secretary of the Ford county central committee since 1932. He was a candidate for the house of representatives of the state legislature in 1924 and 1926, and he has attended practically all the state conventions of his party. He is now serving as a member of the Ford county debt conciliation committee by appointment of Governor Horner.

JACOB JOHN WEBER

The highway patrol service is a most important branch of state activity and it is in this field of public work that Jacob John Weber is active, having been made a member of the highway maintenance patrol February 25, 1933. He makes his home at Manhattan, Will county, and was born at Greengarden, Illinois, September 24, 1886, being a son of Pinnet and Catherine Weber, both of whom have passed away. The father was a democrat throughout his entire life and was very enthusiastic in support of the party.

The common schools afforded Jacob J. Weber his educational opportunities and when his textbooks were put aside he became a farmer, following agricultural pursuits until about five years ago. In 1929 he retired and removed to Manhattan, where he has since lived.

In 1906 Mr. Weber was united in marriage to Miss Anna Leppin. They attend and hold membership in St. Paul's Evangelical Church and Mr. Weber is also a consistent member of the Masonic fraternity. In politics an active democrat, he has served as precinct committeeman and has been an earnest and effective worker in the campaigns. He therefore deserved his appointment as highway maintenance patrolman on the 25th of February, 1933, since which time his official record has won him high commendation.

JOHN THOMAS BERGIN

For a quarter of a century John Thomas Bergin has resided in Toulon, where he is conducting a successful business as a master plumber. He is also recognized as one of the most prominent of the leaders of the democratic party in this section of the state. A native of Ireland, he was born in Loughrea, March 19, 1882, a son of William and Katherine (Madden) Bergin, who were born, reared and married in Ireland. The father came to the new world in 1883, landing at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 4th of July, after which he immediately took out his first naturalization papers. On becoming an American citizen he voted the democratic ticket and was always a faithful follower of the party to the time of his death in 1916.

John T. Bergin attended St. Mary's school in Canandaigua, New York, where he pursued the regular common school course, while later he took a high school course in Canandaigua Academy, from which he was graduated in 1900. He then began learning the plumber's trade, which he has followed for thirty-four years, and throughout the intervening period he has made steady progress along business lines. Twenty-five years ago he came to Toulon, where he has since resided, and throughout the entire time he has carried on a plumbing business which has steadily grown in volume and importance.

On the 25th of June, 1911, in Galva, Illinois, Mr. Bergin was united in marriage to Effie Adams Henderson, who is also an active supporter of the democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Bergin are the parents of two sons, John Madden and Samuel Adams, who are nineteen and seventeen years of age, respectively. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and Mr. Bergin manifests his interest in community welfare as a member of the Toulon Civic Club. During the World war he belonged to the Home Guards. As a democratic

voter he has worked consistently and untiringly for the support of the party. In 1917 Stark county was overwhelmingly republican, and Mr. Bergin, with firm faith in democratic principles, organized the first democratic committee and was its chairman. He has labored unceasingly for the party organization ever since and in 1931 he was elected alderman of the first ward of Toulon, in which capacity he has served to the present time. He attended the state convention in 1932 and his labors in behalf of the party have been most effective. As a business man he enjoys an unassailable reputation and Toulon classes him with her representative and honored citizens.

JOSEPH KENNETH BAKER

Joseph Kenneth Baker, a member of the state police, making his home at 447 East Main street in West Chicago, was born September 11, 1898, in the city where he still resides, his parents being Charles Y. and Jane Baker. The father was a staunch advocate of democratic principles. He died at the age of seventy-nine years and is still survived his widow, who has reached the age of seventy-two years and is now living with a daughter in Chicago.

Joseph K. Baker completed a grammar school education and also the high school course in West Chicago, after which he learned and followed the blacksmith's trade, being employed by the National Supply Company. He worked in that way until called to office.

On the 25th of June, 1925, Mr. Baker married Miss Mae Farrell and they are the parents of three children, John, Joseph and Maureen. Mr. Baker belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the family are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church. His fidelity to the interests of democracy is always above question and he is now serving for the second term as precinct committeeman. Some years ago there were only four democratic votes in the precinct but today it numbers one hundred and ninety, due largely to the effective organization work of Mr. Baker and others of his political faith. He was sergeant at arms for the Du Page county central committee and he was a delegate to the last state convention which was held in Springfield.

WILLIAM J. SULLIVAN

William J. Sullivan, a hardware merchant who is regarded as one of the leading business men of Hanover, was born in Warren county, Missouri, September 8, 1871, a son of Jerry and Helen (Collins) Sullivan. In his youthful days he attended the public schools of St. Louis, Missouri, and of Washington township, Carroll county, Illinois, the family home being established in the latter locality. In young manhood he engaged in farming and also followed various other pursuits. He was then appointed postmaster of Hanover under President Wilson, occupying the position for six years, or from 1914 until 1920. In the latter year he established the hardware business which he has since conducted and in the intervening period of fourteen years he has built up a good trade as the result of his progressive and reliable business methods.

In 1898 Mr. Sullivan was united in marriage to Miss Eda Seeger and they are the parents of seven children, namely: Cecile, who is the wife of H. Earl Ballein, postmaster at Hanover; Emma, the wife of Ralph Sheridan, an attorney of Freeport, Illinois; Helen, who is a school teacher of Hanover; John W.; Jerry; Bert; and Roger. The family are communicants of the Catholic Church and Mr. Sullivan is a member of the Knights of Columbus. For many years he has taken a helpful interest in the work of the democratic party, doing all in his power to promote its growth and win victories for its candidates. For the past twenty years he has served as precinct committeeman, so that he has voice in shaping the policy of the party and directing its destinies in Jo Daviess county. Since 1932 he has been a member of the executive committee of the Jo Daviess county central committee.

BERNARD GROVER FINNEGAN

Bradford's democracy finds a worthy representative in Bernard Grover Finnegan, who is the present postmaster and who has supported the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He was born on a farm three and one-half miles northeast of Bradford in November, 1892, a son of John and Mary (Hearn) Finnegan. The father has been a lifelong democrat, always supporting the men and measures of the party.

At the usual age Bernard G. Finnegan entered the public schools of Bradford, attending the Sharkey school and afterward the Bradford high school, where he pursued his studies for three years. He spent the following year as a student in St. Mary's College at St. Marys, Kansas, and in 1914 he was graduated from the Michigan State Auto School at Detroit, thus preparing for activity in the business world. From 1926 until 1931 he was engaged in the automobile and radio sales business in Bradford and he has also engaged in the cultivation of a farm near the town. On the 1st of March, 1934, he was appointed acting postmaster and on the 18th of June was regularly appointed to the position.

On the 14th of June, 1918, in Toulon, Mr. Finnegan enlisted for service in the World war and went to the Camp Rahe Army School in North Kansas City, Missouri, where he remained until August. From the 14th of that month until the 14th of September he was at Camp Holabird, near Baltimore, Maryland, and later was in camp at Newark, New Jersey. On the 29th of September, 1918, he embarked for Europe, landing at Brest, France, on the 7th of October and there remaining for a week. He was with Water Tank Train No. 302 of the Motor Transport Corps and was sent from Brest to Commercy. From the 16th of October to the 11th of November he was on constant duty in the Meuse-Argonne sector but was never wounded. He was made a corporal and from the signing of the armistice until the 16th of February, 1919, was at Commercy, France. He was then transferred to the graves registration service with which organization he served until the 1st of June, 1919, and assisted in burying twenty-two thousand of his comrades in that period at the United States cemeteries of Romagne and Beaumont. On the 19th of June he embarked from St. Nazaire for the United States, arriving in New York ten days later, and was mustered out at Mitchell Field, Long Island, July 7, 1919. Mr. Finnegan is a member of American Legion Post, No. 445, of Bradford, of which he is at present sergeant at arms, and Peoria Voiture No. 529 of the Forty and Eight. He belongs to St. John's Catholic Church of Bradford and is a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He is now concentrating his efforts and energies upon the discharge of his official duties as postmaster of Bradford and is rendering a valuable service to his fellow townsmen. He has been an active party worker in Bradford and vicinity and has taken an active interest in state political affairs, attending several state conventions as a visitor.

CLAYTON LAY HOLDERNESS

De Kalb numbers among her native sons Clayton Lay Holderness, who was here born September 12, 1893. His father, James C. Holderness, was a native of Canada and on crossing the border into the United States made his way to De Kalb county, Illinois. When the country called for troops to aid in the preservation of the Union he joined the army as a member of the Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry and served through the duration of the war. He married Katherine Bray, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bray, who came to America from Ireland.

The schools of De Kalb accorded Clayton L. Holderness his educational opportunities. He completed his studies by graduation with the class of 1912 and is therefore numbered among the high school alumni. He afterward took up plumbing, learned the trade and became a journeyman, working at that business altogether for twenty-two years. On the 25th of April, 1933, he was appointed one of the state highway police and is still serving in that capacity.

On the 4th of December, 1915, at Geneva, Illinois, Mr. Holderness was

united in marriage to Harriet Hart, of De Kalb, and they are the parents of four children, as follows: Margaret, who is thirteen years of age; Mary, eleven years old; John, aged nine years; and Paul, who is two years of age.

Mr. Holderness is a member of De Kalb Post No. 66 of the American Legion. He enlisted at Sycamore, July 12, 1918, as a member of the Signal Corps No. 424 and was on duty as sergeant of Company D. From Sycamore he went to Chicago, where he was a student at the Lewis Institute for four weeks. He was then sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he remained for eight weeks, and was afterward at Camp Upton, Long Island, for two weeks. He embarked November 10, 1918, but returned to Camp Upton and thence went to Camp Meade, Maryland, receiving his discharge at Camp Grant, January 18, 1919. In politics he has always been a democrat and is an active worker in the party, belonging to the Young Peoples Democratic Club of De Kalb.

H. EARL BALLEIN

H. Earl Ballein, postmaster at Hanover, was born in this town April 8, 1899, his parents being Louis and Olive (Wolcott) Ballein, the former a native of Warsaw, Illinois, and the latter a native of Hanover, Illinois. At the usual age H. Earl Ballein entered the public schools and passed through consecutive grades to his graduation from high school with the class of 1918. As soon as he had completed his course he entered the employ of the Hanover Railway Company, as motorman, with which company he remained for fourteen years, working his way steadily upward as he gained experience and efficiency, until he was station agent. This railway is now extinct.

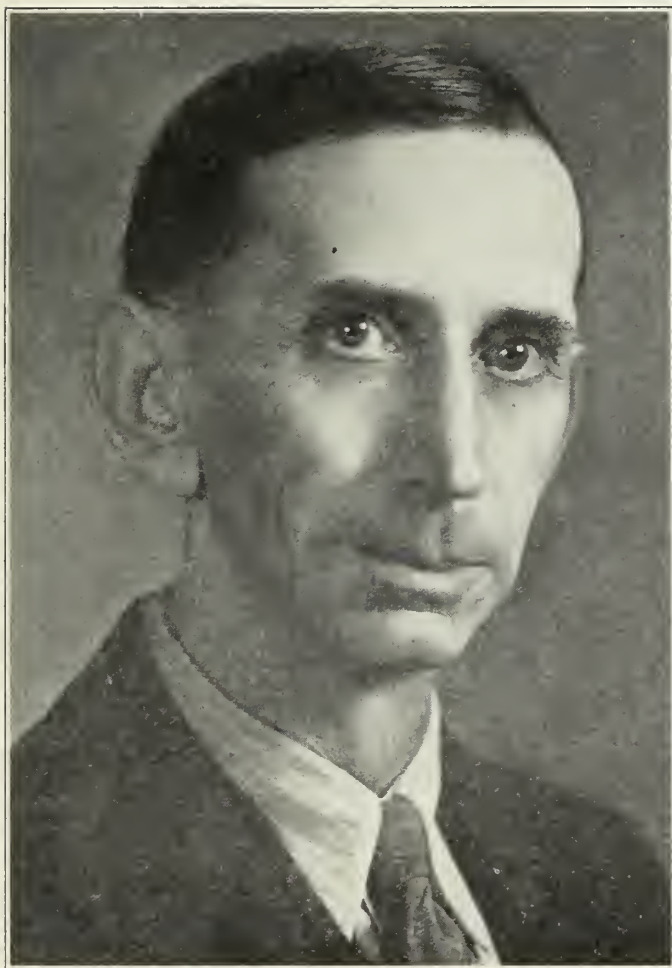
On the 30th of June, 1924, Mr. Ballein was united in marriage to Miss Cecile Sullivan, daughter of W. J. and Eda (Seeger) Sullivan, the father, a well known hardware merchant and prominent democrat of Hanover, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work. Mr and Mrs. Ballein are the parents of a daughter, Patricia.

Mr. Ballein has been an earnest worker in democratic circles since 1928 and was very active in the campaign of 1932. His allegiance to the party received recognition when on the 1st of August 1934, he was appointed acting postmaster of Hanover and he is now serving in that position. His fellow townsmen are satisfied with the way in which he administers the office and his course receives public endorsement. He was active in organizing the Young Peoples Democratic Club of Hanover, of which Mrs. Ballein is also an active member.

GEORGE W. ROHRER

George W. Rohrer, assessor of Chatham township and manager of the Chatham Grain Elevator Corporation, was born in Ball township, Sangamon county, February 11, 1872. His parents, Andrew and Minnie (Schmidt) Rohrer, were natives of Germany, whence they came to the new world at an early age, casting in their lot with the farming community of Ball township. The father always devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. On becoming an American citizen he endorsed the principles of democracy and continued a stalwart supporter of the party. He held the position of road commissioner for twelve years and for sixteen years served on the school board, the cause of education ever finding in him a warm friend.

The youthful days of George W. Rohrer were divided between the acquirement of a public school education in his native township and work upon his father's farm. He continued at home until he had attained his majority, when he began working by the month for others, spending a year in that way. He afterward took up farming on his own account and for thirty-five years was active in the tilling of the soil in Ball and Woodside townships, his intelligently directed efforts resulting in the harvesting of good crops. He then removed to Chatham, where he engaged in trading in live stock for two years.



GEORGE W. ROHRER

and next accepted the position of manager of the Chatham Grain Elevator Corporation, with which he has since been identified.

On the 13th of September, 1900, Mr. Rohrer married Miss Georgia Bridges, a daughter of George and Rebecca Bridges, both natives of Woodside township and both supporters of the democratic party. Her father was at one time collector of Woodside township and was a deputy sheriff under Colonel Sam Shoup of Civil war fame. Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer now make their home in Chatham, and our subject has always lived within five miles of his birthplace. They attend St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and are well known socially, having many warm friends in this community. Mr. Rohrer largely devotes his leisure to reading, from which he gleans much enjoyment. He was one of the fifteen original members of the Sangamon County Farm Bureau and its affiliated organizations, and he is a member of the National Grain Corporation, the Illinois Grain Corporation and the Cooperative Buyers. Always a democrat, he served as collector in Ball township for two years and was one of the precinct committeemen of the township for twenty years. He acted as precinct committeeman in Woodside township for three years, was assessor there for two years and in 1933 was elected assessor of Chatham township. He is an organization man, was a charter member of the Roger Sullivan organization and was one of the early members of the Roosevelt-Horner organization. He never wavers in his allegiance to the party and his activities have had more than local influence.

A. MORRIS WILLIAMS

Among the able, thinking men who have been converted to the democratic party in recent years is A. Morris Williams, who has become widely known in Springfield and Illinois as a successful lawyer, business man, and a leader in fraternal affairs.

Mr. Williams was born in Hampton, Virginia, on the 14th of December, 1879, and is a son of Robert H. and Martha (Brown) Williams. He studied in the public schools of Hampton, also in Lincoln Academy of that city, and then went to Providence, Rhode Island, for a period, there working in a shoe factory. In this capacity he had the opportunity to learn the Italian language, which has been a distinct asset to him in subsequent years. In 1902 he opened a shoe shop in Springfield, and also engaged in the junk business. Ambitious to make a success of his life, he attended the Ambidexter School and the Harlem Law School, which latter is now the Lincoln Law School, and then, for one year, studied law at the University of Michigan. Mr. Williams was admitted to practice in Illinois in 1907, and was soon afterward admitted to practice in the federal courts. Immediately he opened a law office in Springfield, and for a short interval was associated in the practice with Octavius B. Royal, but is now engaged alone, with offices situated at 120 South Eleventh street. He is also the executive head of The Williams Company, a family organization which lends money and deals in real estate.

Mr. Williams was originally a republican in his political faith but in 1930 was converted to democracy and is now one of the most prominent workers in the party ranks. Especially among the colored people and the Italians, whose language he speaks fluently, he wields much influence. He is a member of the management of the Roosevelt-Horner Regular Democratic Club, and he has organized locally and throughout the state many democratic clubs and has likewise covered the state on speaking tours in the Roosevelt-Horner campaign. Mr. Williams has been a candidate for legislator and for city commissioner, but was unsuccessful.

Mr. Williams is the founder and the president of The Knights and Daughters of Honor, which is now a national organization and in character is a fraternal beneficiary society. He is a member of the blue lodge of Masons

and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, both colored organizations, and he is past master of the former. His church connection is with the Baptist.

On September 2, 1899, occurred the marriage of A. Morris Williams and Miss Elizabeth Sampson, the latter of Hampton, Virginia, where the ceremony was performed. Mrs. Williams is prominent in the work of the Episcopal Church.

CHARLES J. O'HOLLERAN

The farming interests of McHenry county find a worthy representative in Charles J. O'Holleran, of Harvard, who is also serving as highway maintenance patrolman. He is a native son of McHenry county, having been born in Alden township, August 17, 1890, a son of Thomas and Mary (Dolan) O'Holleran. The father was born in Alden township, McHenry county, this state, in 1857, being a representative of one of the old pioneer families of northeastern Illinois. He and his wife lived to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary, and Thomas O'Holleran passed away May 20, 1933, while his wife survived only until the 2d of November of the same year. He had followed farming throughout his entire life and had lived for seventy-five years on the farm on which he was born, spending his last two years, however, in the home of his son Charles. He always voted with the democratic party, of which he was a staunch adherent, and he served as precinct committeeman of Alden township for thirty years. He remained loyal to democracy at the time when he was the only democrat in his precinct and it was characteristic of him that he never faltered in his allegiance to any cause which he espoused.

Charles J. O'Holleran attended the public schools of his native township and was reared to farm life, his youthful days being divided between the work of the schoolroom and the labors of the fields. When he had completed his course he began giving his entire time to farming, and he has always followed the most progressive methods in the cultivation of his fields and the care of his crops. Prior to the depression Charles J. O'Holleran and his brother and father were among the large farmers of Alden township, owning seven hundred and fifteen acres, but conditions brought about through hard times caused them largely to reduce their acreage.

In 1911 Mr. O'Holleran was united in marriage to Miss Catherine McGuire and they are the parents of seven children, namely: Francis, Raymond, Edmund, Paul, Dominic, Harold and David. In 1933 Mr. O'Holleran removed with his family to Harvard, where he now makes his home. On the 14th of February of that year he was appointed highway maintenance patrolman and has since served in this position, making an excellent record through his faithfulness and diligence. He has always been a loyal and staunch democrat, becoming a supporter of the party by reason of paternal influence in his youthful days, but since attaining his majority he has studied the questions and issues before the public and is now ready to defend his position by intelligent argument. He was also reared in the Catholic faith, of which he has ever been a loyal adherent.

CHARLES W. SUTTON

Charles W. Sutton, of East Peoria, who is a member of the drainage commission and is now serving as its secretary, is widely known as an active democrat and one whose labors have done much toward shaping the political history of his community. Moreover, he occupies a prominent position as a representative of industrial activity in his part of the state, having conducted a general contracting business in East Peoria since 1913. Mr. Sutton was born in Paxton, Illinois, May 10, 1897, a son of Samuel and Lucy (Wardlaw) Sutton, both of whom were representatives of old families of Kentucky. They became the parents of five sons, of whom Charles W. is the eldest. A brother, Walter J. Sutton, is also well known because of his activity in politics in central Illinois.

Charles W. Sutton was educated in the schools of Peoria and subsequently engaged in the business of general contracting, which he has carried on in East Peoria since 1913. He has been accorded a liberal patronage in this field and his success is well deserved because of his close application to business and the enterprising spirit which he shows in the conduct of his work. He is now serving as drainage commissioner of this district, having been appointed by Judge Culbertson to fill out an unexpired term, since which time he has been re-appointed for the regular term of three years. He discharges the duties of the position with promptness and fidelity, having closely studied the requirements of the office as they affect the public welfare.

In early manhood Mr. Sutton was united in marriage to Miss Eva L. East, a native of Peoria, Illinois, and a daughter of Bert and Anna (Hamilton) East, who lived in the neighborhood of Jacksonville, this state, where their respective families were pioneer residents. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton are the parents of five children, namely: Ruth, Letha, Leona, Evelyn and Donald.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Sutton is a Moose and a Knight of Pythias. He belongs to the Junior Jeffersonians, of which he is first vice president, and in all matters of citizenship he is actuated by a progressive spirit that is manifest in his loyalty to the best interests of city and state.

JOSEPH P. GULICK

For almost four decades Joseph P. Gulick has been a member of the bar, actively practicing in Champaign, where he has long been accorded a large clientele. Illinois is his native state, his birth having occurred in Vandalia, December 10, 1870. His parents were Jesse Richard and Louisa (Everett) Gulick, the former a practicing attorney and at all times a supporter of the democratic party.

Liberal educational opportunities were accorded Joseph P. Gulick, who attended the University of Illinois and was graduated in 1892 with the Bachelor of Literature degree. He also studied law in his father's office and was admitted to the bar in 1895. He taught school three years, from 1893 to 1895, while studying law. Throughout the intervening period, from his admission to the bar until the present, covering almost forty years, he has continuously and successfully practiced, and in addition he has farm interests which bring to him a gratifying financial return.

On the 20th of November, 1900, in Champaign, Illinois, Mr. Gulick was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Terwilleger. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club, the Masonic fraternity, the Champaign County Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, connections which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules that govern his conduct. Politically an earnest democrat, he served as a delegate to the national convention held in St. Louis in 1904 and he was a delegate to the state convention the same year and numerous other years. He has also attended many county conventions and his opinions always carry weight in party councils, his fellow townsmen recognizing the breadth of his vision and his devotion to any cause which he espouses.

JOHN PETER GORMAN

John Peter Gorman, a well known resident of Bradford who is serving as state highway patrolman in Stark county, having been appointed February 1, 1933, was born January 13, 1897, in the town where he still lives, his parents being Peter and Ella Gorman. The father was a lifelong democrat.

At the usual age John P. Gorman entered the public schools, mastering the work of successive grades until graduated from the Indiantown township high school of Bureau county with the class of 1915. He had been reared to the occupation of farming and when his textbooks were put aside he concentrated his

efforts and energies upon agricultural work, which claimed his entire attention until he was appointed to his present position as state highway patrolman. He has now occupied the position for a year and a half and the record which he has made has received the strong endorsement of the public.

On the 27th of July, 1918, in Chicago, Mr. Gorman enlisted as a member of the navy and went to the Great Lakes training camp, there remaining until July 7, 1919. He was on duty at the Great Lakes throughout the entire time and was released on the latter date.

On the 14th of January, 1923, in Bradford, Illinois, Mr. Gorman was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Noyes, granddaughter of James E. Noyes, former representative from his district to the state legislature. Mr. and Mrs. Gorman are the parents of four sons: William, who is seven years of age; John, a lad of six; Peter, aged three years; and James, who is now about a year old. The family attends St. John's Catholic Church of Bradford and Mr. Gorman belongs to the Knights of Columbus, in which he has attained the third degree. He also has membership in the American Legion Post No. 439 of Bradford, in which he has been sergeant at arms. His voting privilege has always been exercised in behalf of the democratic party and he attended the state convention held in Springfield in 1932. He has consistently done everything in his power to promote democratic successes and he has never failed to endorse the candidates and support the principles of the organization. Thus he received recognition in his appointment to the position of state highway patrolman and his name was placed on the roster of public officials of Stark county.

ROBERT J. BLUM

Nauvoo's postmaster, Robert J. Blum, was born in Hancock county, March 26, 1885, his birth occurring in the historic old city which is still his place of residence. His parents were Carl and Minnie (Lutz) Blum, both of whom have now passed away. The father was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and died April 24, 1891, while his wife, who was born in St. Louis, August 24, 1856, long survived him, her death occurring on the 1st of June, 1932.

Robert J. Blum attended the public schools of Nauvoo and pursued his high school course here, being graduated with the class of 1903. In the same year he started out to earn his own living by clerking in a general merchandise store and was thus employed until 1911, when he went to Chicago and secured a clerkship in the well known mercantile establishment of Marshall Field & Company. There he remained for four years, gaining valuable experience concerning progressive mercantile methods. In November, 1915, he returned to Nauvoo and again took up clerking in the store in which he had previously been employed. In January, 1917, he and his brother, Carl J. Blum, together with J. M. Beehtold, purchased from J. M. Fisher the store in which Robert J. Blum had previously clerked, and the three partners continued in business until May, 1933, when Mr. Blum was appointed acting postmaster of Nauvoo. On the 25th of April, 1934, he was commissioned postmaster and has continuously filled the office to the present time.

On the 11th of June, 1918, Mr. Blum was united in marriage to Beatrice H. Thompson, who passed away November 5, 1933, leaving a daughter, Margaret Roberta.

While Mr. Blum's brothers are staunch republicans, he is equally loyal in his support of the democratic party and has taken an active interest in its affairs since old enough to do so. He has served as a member of the board of trustees for the Nauvoo school district since 1924. His interest in community affairs is manifest in many tangible ways and his labors have been productive of excellent results for the party.



ROBERT J. BLUM

CHESTER WOLSCHLAG

Chester Wolschlag, who is serving as superintendent of state farms in Peoria county, living on Farm No. 1, near Bartonville, is a valuable aid to the county democratic organization, serving at the present time as district captain of the district comprising Kickapoo, Peoria and Limestone townships. It was his continued loyalty to the party, as well as his long experience in agricultural work, that brought to him appointment to his present position. A native of Peoria county, he was born in Limestone township, July 5, 1898, a son of William and Emma (Gerdes) Wolschlag and a grandson of Michael Wolschlag, who was a native of Alsace-Lorraine. The grandfather was the founder of the family in Peoria county, becoming a pioneer of Limestone township, where he followed the occupation of farming. An uncle, Stephen Wolschlag, served as alderman of Peoria for a number of years. Henry Gerdes, an uncle of Chester Wolschlag in the maternal line, was at one time recorder of deeds of Peoria county.

Chester Wolschlag has three sisters, Edna, Ida and Verna. He obtained his education in the schools of his native township and was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the work of the fields from the time of early spring planting till crops were harvested in the late autumn. When his school days were over he concentrated his attention on farming, and wide and valuable experience qualified him for his present work as superintendent of State Farm No. 1, to which position he was appointed March 1, 1933.

In early manhood Mr. Wolschlag was united in marriage to Miss Mary Parr, who was born in England but at the age of six years was brought to America by her parents, John and Alice Parr. Mr. and Mrs. Wolschlag have five children, Howard, Marilyn, Earle, Shirley and Robert. Mr. Wolschlag has always lived in Peoria county, where he is well known, and no one has ever questioned his allegiance to the democratic party, nor found him other than an earnest worker in its behalf.

JOHN D. SULLIVAN

Among those who are doing effective service as members of the highway maintenance police of Illinois is numbered John D. Sullivan, of Rochelle, in which city he was born September 27, 1893. He is of Irish lineage, as the name indicates. His grandfather, James Sullivan, was born on the Emerald Isle and in young manhood came to America, settling in New York, where he married Miss Catherine Sullivan, who was also born in Ireland. Soon afterward they removed westward, settling in Rockford, Illinois, and about 1857 they came to Ogle county, taking up their abode upon a farm in Lynnville township. There the grandfather engaged in tilling the soil and caring for his crops throughout his remaining days. He voted with the democratic party. One of his brothers, Daniel Sullivan, served for three years in the Union Army in the Civil war.

Daniel F. Sullivan, son of James Sullivan and father of John D., was born in Scott township, Ogle county, Illinois, December 26, 1858, and on the 7th of May, 1884, he wedded Mary Coleman, who was born in Wilmington, Delaware. He had attended the public schools of Lynnville township and in young manhood he began farming on his own account. Year after year he cared for his fields, continuing his farming operations until 1926, when he sold his property and removed to Rochelle, where he has since made his home, enjoying in honorable retirement a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. The democratic party has always received his political support since he was old enough to vote and he has worked consistently for its success. In 1908 he was a candidate for sheriff of Ogle county and was defeated by only twenty-three votes—a defeat that amounted to a victory, for he polled more than sixteen hundred republican votes. In 1930 he was elected precinct committeeman, was reelected in 1932 and again in 1934. He belongs to the Catholic Church and to the Knights of Columbus and he also has membership with the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Modern Woodmen of America. To him and his wife have been born

seven children, namely: Luella, who is the wife of Nicholas Binz, of Rochelle, Illinois; Lillian, the wife of Fred Wilson, of Downers Grove, Illinois; John D., of this review; Marie, the wife of F. E. Gardner, of Rochelle; Bessie, who is the wife of George Lucas and lives in Chicago; Margaret, the wife of Thomas Hood, of Chicago; and Daniel, Jr., at home.

In the public schools of Rochelle, John D. Sullivan pursued his education, and when he put aside his textbooks he entered the employ of the George D. Whitecomb Company, for whom he worked as a machinist for ten years. Like his father, he has always been active in politics, espousing the cause of democracy on attaining his majority. He does everything in his power to win victory for the party and on the 25th of April, 1933, he received appointment to the position of highway maintenance police, in which capacity he has since served.

In 1926 Mr. Sullivan married Miss Muriel Tanton. They belong to the Catholic Church and Mr. Sullivan is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is well known in the county where his entire life has been passed and where he has a wide acquaintance. He now makes his home on Ninth street in Rochelle and has many friends in the city.

EARLE E. BOWER

Earle E. Bower, residing at Richmond, McHenry county, is now serving as special agent in connection with the liquor control department of the state. He is a representative of one of the old families of Illinois and was born in Richmond, June 6, 1880. His grandfather, Elijah A. Bower, was born in England and, coming to the United States, settled in McHenry county, Illinois, in 1858. Here he purchased land in the vicinity of Richmond and in time acquired extensive holdings. In politics he was a stalwart democrat. His son, J. T. Bower, was born in Chicago in 1853 and was only five years of age when the family home was established in McHenry county, so that he here obtained his education in the public schools. For many years he carried on farming and was also interested in real estate. He took an active interest in democratic affairs as soon as old enough to vote and he served as postmaster of Richmond during both administrations of President Cleveland. His death occurred July 8, 1928. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary E. Potter.

Their son, Earle E. Bower, graduated from the high school of Richmond and afterward attended the Morgan Park Military Academy at Morgan Park, Illinois. When his school days were over he turned his attention to the banking business in Woodstock in 1900 and continued therein until 1917, filling the position of cashier in the McHenry County State Bank at Woodstock from 1902 to 1917. During the succeeding five years he engaged in the bond and brokerage business, a part of that time being spent with the Chicago office of the National City Company of New York. In 1922 he removed to Chicago and lived in the forty-eighth ward until 1929, when he returned to Richmond. Since then he has spent his time chiefly in looking after the farming interests of the family, which are important and extensive.

On the 11th of June, 1919, Mr. Bower was united in marriage to Miss Gladys Thorne, of Woodstock, Illinois, and they are the parents of a son, Thomas Charles. Mr. Bower is a Mason and has attained the Knight Templar degree in the fraternity. He also belongs to the Elks lodge and is loyal to the teachings and purposes of both orders. He has followed in the footsteps of his forebears in a political way, being a zealous supporter of the democratic party, and in June, 1933, he was appointed field agent in the department of finance for the state. His wife, Mrs. Gladys Bower, like her husband, is well known in political circles. She was active in campaign work in Chicago and Cook county from 1919 to 1927. During those years she served as secretary to some of Chicago's distinguished citizens and leading politicians, among them Robert M. Sweitzer, county clerk of Cook county; Dr. Herman N. Bundesen; Hon. Michael L. Igoe,

member of congress; James M. Daily, and John J. Kelly, being Mr. Kelly's secretary during the four years that he served as city attorney of Chicago. She is thus particularly well informed concerning political questions, issues and methods and is able to give valuable aid to the party.

KENNETH J. M. GREENE

Kenneth J. M. Greene, a member of the state police and a resident of Galesburg, was born in Yates City, Knox county, Illinois, January 29, 1903, his parents being Ora L. and Gertrude Greene. He attended the grade schools of his native town and continued his studies in the high schools of Yates City and Galesburg. He made his initial step in the business world when in 1920 he secured employment with the Burlington Railroad. During the first three years he was a fireman and for more than nine years served as a brakeman.

On the 1st of August, 1927, Mr. Greene was united in marriage to Miss Rosina McKeering and they are the parents of a son, John Thomas. Mr. Greene belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Voting with the democratic party since attaining his majority, he has become recognized as one of the stalwart representatives of the democratic organization in Knox county. In 1932 he was elected precinct committeeman of the first precinct of the fifth ward and was reelected to that office in 1934. On the 24th of March, 1933, he was appointed a member of the state police force and has since served in that capacity, and he is now connected with the Illinois Police Association. He is interested in all that has to do with perfecting the state police system and is proving a capable and loyal official.

JOHN W. PHILLIPS

John W. Phillips, a political leader of East Peoria, Tazewell county, now serving as a trustee of the sanitary board, was born in Hico, Texas, July 27, 1885, a son of Mack and Mattie (James) Phillips. The Phillips family lived in Mississippi before going to the Lone Star state and has been represented in Hico, Texas, through several generations. The maternal grandparents of our subject were natives of Missouri, the grandfather being of Welsh extraction. Two of the paternal uncles of John W. Phillips were Confederate soldiers in the Civil war.

John W. Phillips was one of a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters. He was educated in Hico, Texas, and for many years was an employe of the Wells Fargo Express Company, acting as assistant express agent in his native town. Subsequently he was employed by a system of chain stores in West Texas and Oklahoma, and twenty years ago he came to Peoria, Illinois, where he entered the service of the Avery Company as a machinist. Two years later he became an employe of the Caterpillar Tractor Company, for whom he also worked as a machinist, and has now been continuously with that concern for eighteen years. No further testimonial is needed concerning his faithfulness, his efficiency and his trustworthiness.

In early manhood Mr. Phillips was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Hurst, who was born near Bellefontaine, Logan county, Ohio, her parents being Irvin and Myrtle (Hammond) Hurst. Her paternal grandparents were John E. and Elizabeth (Ruby) Hurst, the former born in Logan county, Ohio, in 1848, while her grandfather in the maternal line, W. W. Hammond, was born in Logan county, Ohio, in 1845. Mrs. Mabel (Hurst) Phillips has a brother, Homer, and a sister, Ethel, and by her marriage she had the following children: Harold, who married Gladys Kurtz and has two daughters, Betty Jean and Lois; Donald, who is deceased; Raymond, who married Evelyn Simmons and has a daughter, Madonna Marie; Burrell; Mary Belle; Leta May; Donna Jean and Joan. Mr. Phillips and his family are consistent members of the Christian Church and fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a member of the Jeffersonian Club of Tazewell county. He has always recognized the duties and responsibilities as well as the privileges of citizenship, and with

firm belief in the democratic party, he has given it his loyal support since his removal to Peoria. In 1932 he was appointed a trustee of the sanitary board by the county court, so that he is now one of the democratic officials of Illinois.

HAROLD EDWIN YOUNG

Harold Edwin Young is filling the position of postmaster at Mounds, Pulaski county, which is the city in which he was born on the 10th of April, 1905. His father, Edwin A. Young, a native of Paducah, Kentucky, was born October 21, 1868, and in 1874 was taken to Metropolis, Illinois, where he was reared. There he engaged in general merchandising in association with his uncle, James House, but later was in the state of Washington from 1881 until 1886. He then returned to the store in Metropolis, where he remained until 1896, when he became a fireman on the Illinois Central Railroad. Four years later he was advanced to the position of engineer and is still serving in that capacity. He wedded Carrie E. Fulkerson, a daughter of Dr. R. M. Fulkerson, who figured prominently in politics and was at one time a democratic candidate for the state legislature. Mrs. Carrie E. Young was born in Pope county, Illinois, and came to Pulaski county about 1894. On her mother's side she is a descendant of President James K. Polk.

Harold E. Young was a public school pupil in Mounds, also pursued the high school course and then began working part time as clerk for the Illinois Central Railroad while still continuing his studies. He was thus employed until 1932 and yet holds his seniority with the road. On the 8th of January, 1934, he was appointed postmaster of Mounds and is now filling this position.

Mr. Young greatly enjoys hunting geese and turns to this as a means of recreation. He belongs to the Methodist Church and is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of his community. In politics he has always been identified with the democratic party, became one of the organizers of the Pulaski County Jeffersonian Club and since 1924 has been presiding judge of elections. He is well known in democratic ranks and his name is enrolled among those who are most helpful in advancing the party's cause in Pulaski county.

PATRICK J. BREEN

Prominently numbered among the veteran democrats of Illinois is Patrick J. Breen, of Edgar county, who is now living retired in Paris, Illinois, his retirement having been well-earned by a career of usefulness and success, and of loyal service to the democratic party.

Patrick J. Breen is a native of Edgar county, Illinois, his birth having there occurred December 11, 1862. He is a son of Patrick and Mary (Gill) Breen, who were born in Ireland and came to the United States in 1839, settling in Edgar county on a farm. The father was always enthusiastic in his support of the democratic party and always voted for the entire ticket.

The country schools supplied Patrick J. Breen with his first educational training, and he then attended a business college in Terre Haute, Indiana. His first employment thereafter was as a clerk in the store of H. G. Pecksky & Company. In 1898 he established a general store in Metcalfe, Edgar county, and also dealt in farm implements. Next he entered the grain business and owned elevators in Vermilion, Grandview and Paris. Finally, in 1933, he leased his elevators and is now living retired at his home in Paris, enjoying the fruits of many years of work and the comforting knowledge that he was successful in the various occupations in which he participated.

Since his boyhood, Mr. Breen has been interested in democratic politics. For twenty years he served as precinct committeeman, and was supervisor of Young America township for eight years. He was chairman of the county board for two terms, and attended many state and judicial conventions. The crowning political achievement of his life was his service as state representative. He was



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first elected in 1914 for two years, and then was re-elected in 1920, 1924, 1926 and 1932, and was the democratic nominee in 1934. He always supported the whole ticket. The success of the party in Illinois is something that is built on the foundation laid by such sterling adherents of the party as Mr. Breen. It has given inspiration to the younger generation of democrats.

Mr. Breen's marriage occurred in the year 1894, and his wife was Margaret Conley of Indiana.

Mr. Breen is a director of the First National Bank of Hume, Illinois, and is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, and the Loyal Order of Moose.

ORVIL HENRY

Orvil Henry, who makes his home at Viola and is filling the office of highway maintenance patrolman, was born in Seaton, Mercer county, Illinois, March 7, 1882, a son of Wesley and Lucetta (Stephens) Henry, natives of New Jersey and of Indiana, respectively. The father came to Illinois in 1853, settling in Mercer county, and he has now attained the venerable age of eighty-nine years, but the mother has passed away. Mr. Henry has always been a staunch democrat, supported Stephen A. Douglas for the presidency and has never voted outside of Mercer county. His father, Henry A. Henry, cast a presidential ballot for Andrew Jackson and in 1853 he brought his family to Mercer county, where he remained an active supporter of the democratic party until his death. Wesley Henry was for many years commissioner of highways in his township and has ever faithfully adhered to high standards of office holding and of citizenship.

Orvil Henry completed his education in the Seaton high school and took up the occupation of farming, which he continued to follow successfully until about three years ago. On the 10th of February, 1933, he became highway maintenance patrolman. He had formerly been highway commissioner in Abington township, Mercer county, which was the same township in which his father had previously filled the same office. Those who know him—and he has a wide acquaintance—never question his loyalty in citizenship and can cite many tangible evidences of his devotion to the general good.

In 1904 Mr. Henry was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Douglas, whose grandparents came from Ohio, and whose people have also been earnest advocates of democratic principles. Mr. and Mrs. Henry are the parents of two children, Katherine and Paul. Mr. Henry is interested in Masonry, belonging to the lodge at Seaton, and he also has membership in the Presbyterian Church. His life has ever been an expression of high and honorable principles and straightforward purpose, and he well merits the warm esteem that is uniformly given him.

EMIL MORRIS BUSH

Among the native sons of Rock Island county is numbered Emil Morris Bush, who is now living in Milan and is serving as highway patrolman. His birth occurred in the city of Rock Island, May 28, 1905, his parents being Edward and Nellie (De Vogler) Bush. The father, who was a farmer by occupation and was an active supporter of the democratic party, has now passed away, but the mother survives and yet makes her home in Rock Island county.

Emil M. Bush obtained his education in the public schools of his native county and after attaining his majority engaged in the garage business at Taylor Ridge, continuing active in that field until he became highway maintenance patrolman in February, 1933. He has since acted in this capacity and devotes his entire time, thought and attention to the duties of the position.

On the 1st of October, 1930, Mr. Bush was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Curry, a native of Rock Island county, Illinois, and a daughter of Francis Edward and Bertha Curry, who reside on their farm in Bowling township, Rock Island county, where they are old settlers. Francis E. Curry has always been

an active democrat and has served as precinct committeeman for the past five years. Mr. and Mrs. Bush are the parents of two children, Francis Edward and Venetta Joan, and they are communicants of St. Ambrose Catholic Church at Milan. Mr. Bush has a wide acquaintance in Rock Island county, where his entire life has been passed and where the circle of his friends is very broad. He has been an active democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise.

THOMAS G. WASHBURN

Thomas G. Washburn, who was the nominee for the office of county treasurer of Henry county in 1934, makes his home in Orion, where he first opened his eyes to the light of day in 1893. His parents, George and Elizabeth (Kerwin) Washburn, have long been residents of Henry county and are still identified with Orion, where the father has followed the milling business for many years. Politically he has been a lifelong democrat.

In the schools of Orion, Thomas G. Washburn mastered the branches of learning which usually constitute the public school curriculum and he also had the benefit of a two years' course in banking and accounting at Brown's Business College in Davenport. For fifteen years he engaged in the automobile business in Orion but sold out in September, 1933, and later became the democratic candidate for the office of county treasurer. During the World war period he served as a member of Company C, Three Hundred and Second Ammunition Train of the Seventy-seventh Division, acting as a mechanic. He joined the army on the 28th of May, 1918, and was discharged on the 20th of May, 1919, having been overseas throughout the entire length of his service except for about six weeks. In 1920 he assisted in organizing the Legion post at Orion, in which he has since been an active officer, taking a keen interest in the affairs of the post and in the solution of the problems which claim the attention of its members. For the past year he has been county service officer and he has also been active in his district, which called him to serve as a delegate to the national convention held in Detroit. He has missed only one meeting of the local post since it was organized and there is no one more loyal to its interests. As a democrat he has done effective work and concerning political affairs he possesses a broad vision and keen understanding. For six years he has served on the democratic county committee and his labors have led to the thorough organization of the party in northwestern Illinois.

JOHN J. EGAN

John J. Egan, of Wenona, who is acting as a special agent for the Illinois Liquor Control Commission, is widely known in business circles by reason of his prominence as a breeder and raiser of full blooded shorthorn cattle. He has been associated with this line of business and with general farming since he completed his education. He was born in La Salle county in 1896, a son of William and Anna (O'Halloran) Egan, both of whom have departed this life. The father was born in La Salle county, Illinois, and here lived continuously from 1869 until his death, devoting his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits. In his political faith he was a democrat.

John J. Egan supplemented his public school education by study in a business school at Dixon. With his brother, William M., he formed the firm of Egan Brothers and for many years they have been extensively and successfully engaged in the breeding of full blooded shorthorn cattle. They make sales all over the country and have produced some of the finest stock ever sent out from Illinois. They thoroughly understand the business and handle cattle of the highest grade. In addition John J. Egan carries on general farming and other live stock business and his affairs have been so wisely conducted that substantial profit has accrued.

Both the brothers have always been active democrats, giving loyal support to the party at all times. John J. Egan has been precinct committeeman for a

number of years and still fills the office, while at the same time he is a member of the county executive board of the county democratic organization. His appointment to his present position as a special agent for the Illinois Liquor Control Commission came to him on the 7th of March, 1934, in recognition of the excellent work which he has done for the party organization. He has served as a delegate to the democratic state convention and also to the judicial convention in Ottawa, and he has served as a member of various committees of the democratic organization of La Salle county, in 1933 being a member of the county committee for candidates. He belongs to the Catholic Church and is identified with the Knights of Columbus.

His brother, William M. Egan, was born January 27, 1891, and is the senior member of the firm of Egan Brothers. He, too, has always been a democrat but gives the major part of his time and attention to his farming and live stock interests. Neither of the brothers has married, their sister Loretta acting as their housekeeper, and she, too, is a supporter of the democratic party.

JOHN D. KENNEY

John D. Kenney, a member of the state highway patrol, living in Wenona, has long been recognized as one of the active and efficient workers in the democratic party in Marshall and La Salle counties. He was born in Osage township, La Salle county, March 7, 1889, his parents being George and Elizabeth Kenney, both of whom have passed away. The father, who was a farmer by occupation and was a stalwart advocate of democratic principles, died in 1902. His brother, George Kenney, long a leading worker in democratic ranks, has been township clerk of Osage township for twenty-four years and is still in office. Thomas F. Brennan, an uncle of John D. Kenney on his mother's side, has for forty years been township assessor of Osage township and is still the incumbent in that position.

John D. Kenney acquired his education in the country schools and was reared to the occupation of farming, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. When his textbooks were put aside he concentrated his entire time and attention upon his farming interests and continued to follow general agricultural pursuits until he became highway maintenance patrolman on the 11th of July, 1933. He has now served in the office for more than a year and has proven loyal to the trust reposed in him. While the Civil Works Administration was in operation he had charge of about one hundred men, although he retained his official title of highway patrolman. His religious belief is that of the Catholic Church, in which he was reared.

NORBERT C. WILSON

Norbert C. Wilson, of Joliet, was born August 16, 1900, in the precinct where he yet makes his home. His parents, Clarence L. and Mary Anna Wilson, are still residents of this city. The father is a master mechanic at the shops of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company here and is well known as a prominent representative of industrial activity in Will county. He is also recognized as an active party worker in democratic ranks and has served as precinct committeeman.

Norbert C. Wilson completed his education in the township high school and when sixteen years of age entered the employ of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company. He still has seniority rights with that corporation as a locomotive engineer. While he entered the service in a minor capacity, he steadily worked his way upward, winning promotion from time to time through his faithfulness and capability until he was made engineer. Since the 20th of August, 1933, he has been a bridge operator in Joliet and displays creditable efficiency in this connection.

Another line of activity which claims much of the time and thought of Mr. Wilson is the Loyal Order of Moose, of which he is now vice dictator in the state

organization. He became a member thereof on attaining his majority and has been active in its work for nine years. The next state convention will be at Joliet, on which occasion Mr. Wilson will be dictator. He now has charge of the entertaining of the entire body of Moose in Joliet and he is giving much time and thought to the work. The local order includes a membership of about sixteen hundred and there are twelve hundred always in good standing, with dues paid up.

Mr. Wilson belongs to the Catholic Church. His political belief is that of the democratic party and he has been one of its active workers since reaching adult age. He is now precinct committeeman, a place which he is well qualified to fill because he assisted his father in political work to a great extent when the senior Mr. Wilson was precinct committeeman. He believes in the thorough organization of party strength and his efforts in this direction have been far-reaching and beneficial.

JOHN G. UREMOVIC

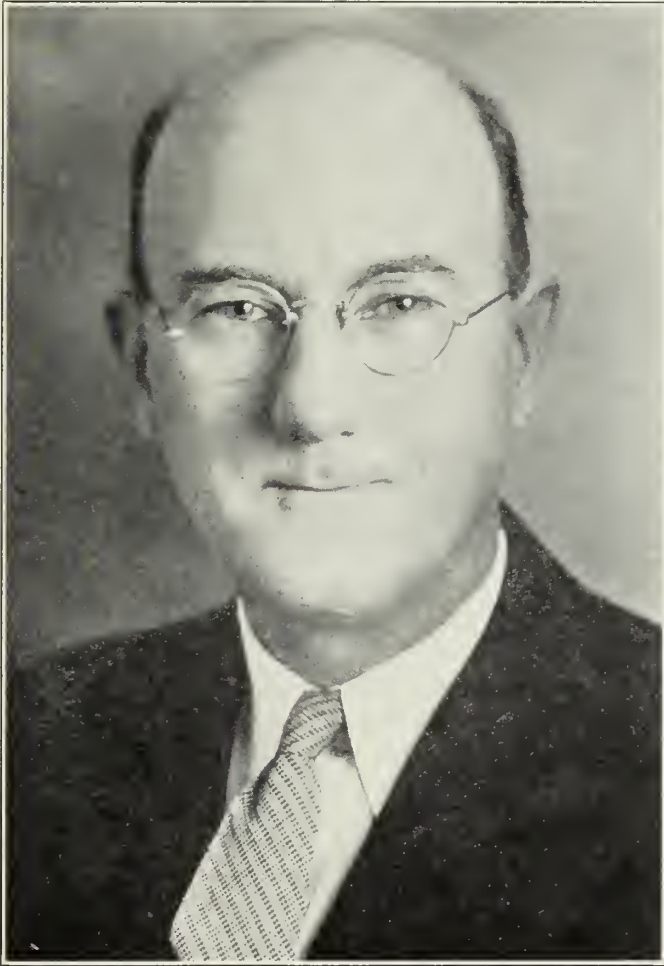
John G. Uremovic, bridge operator living at Rockdale, was here born in April, 1908, a son of Anton and Mary Uremovic, both of whom have now departed this life. Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, he attended the local schools of Rockdale and then started out in the business world to earn his living by entering the employ of a roofing company, for which he worked for about seven years. He afterward filled various positions until the 16th of May, 1933, when he was appointed a bridge operator and has since served in this capacity.

Mr. Uremovic is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs also to St. Joseph's Western Catholic Union and to the Holy Name Society. He has been a democrat ever since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he is now serving for the second term as precinct committeeman. He is always loyal to the party and manifests a progressive attitude in all matters of citizenship, giving his support to every plan and measure that will promote the civic welfare of his community.

WILLIAM McANDREW

William McAndrew, a member of the Emergency Relief Commission, is director of athletics at the Southern Illinois State Normal University of Carbondale, with which institution he has thus been identified since 1913 save for the period of his service in the World war. He was born in Lawrence county, Illinois, April 29, 1887, his parents being William and Rosa (Caughran) McAndrew, the latter also a native of Lawrence county, this state, and of Irish descent. The maternal grandparents of our subject were farming people who came to Illinois from Ohio. The American progenitors of the McAndrew family emigrated to the United States from Ireland in 1844 and located first in Kentucky, where they assisted in the building of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. William McAndrew, Sr., the father of our subject, was born in Indiana and became a successful farmer and contractor.

William McAndrew, Jr., acquired his early education as a public school pupil of Lawrence county, Illinois, and subsequently matriculated at Vincennes University, now no longer in existence, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He next attended the University of Chicago for two years, was later a student at Cumberland University of Lebanon, Tennessee, which conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and he likewise pursued various courses at summer schools. He was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1921 but has not engaged in the practice of law. It was in 1913 that he became director of athletics at the Southern Illinois State Normal University of Carbondale, leaving the institution in 1917 to go to the first officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan. He was commissioned captain of infantry and served in France with the Eighty-sixth and Twenty-ninth Divisions for a period of eleven



WILLIAM McANDREW

months. Honorably discharged from the army in August, 1919, he resumed his duties at the Southern Illinois State Normal University in the following year and has been continuously connected with the institution to the present time.

In 1931 Mr. McAndrew was united in marriage to Miss Virginia S. Caldwell, of Carbondale, Illinois, a descendant of an old Virginia family dating back to pre-Revolutionary days. Mr. McAndrew is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is past commander of Donald Forsythe Post No. 514 of the American Legion, commander of the Twenty-fifth district, and is at present on the state athletic commission, department of Illinois.

MRS. IVA C. MARTIN

Mrs. Iva C. Martin is what may be termed a pioneer in women's political work in Illinois. She was one of the first women in the state to serve as precinct committeeman and on a county central committee. Mrs. Martin, now a resident of Canton, was born in State Center, Iowa, a daughter of James and Vira Horrock, the former now deceased, while the mother makes her home in Farmington, Illinois.

Iva C. Martin was educated in the public schools of Farmington and became active in the democratic party before it was generally customary for women to do so. It was six years ago that she was made precinct committeeman, being one of the first women to serve in that capacity and one of the first in the state to become a member of a county central committee. For four years she served on the county executive committee and she was formerly a committeeman for the fifteenth congressional district. She was the first county chairman of the democratic women of Fulton county. For fourteen years she has been an active democratic worker and has lived to see many other women follow her example and take an active and helpful part in politics, which all should realize is of vital concern to every citizen.

Mrs. Martin's activities, moreover, cover a wide scope. She belongs to the Woman's Club, of which she is a past president, is an adviser to the Salvation Army and has membership in the Episcopal Church. Her interests are thus wide and varied and her labors have always been of benefit to the community. She is a past president of the American Legion Auxiliary.

HARRY D. BLACKBURN

Harry D. Blackburn, residing at 322 East Franklin street in Lenark, is a member of the state police, having been appointed to the position on the 25th of March, 1933. He has shown keen insight into complex situations having to do with his position and has made an excellent record in discharging his duties.

Mr. Blackburn was born in Dixon, Illinois, May 15, 1898, a son of Peter and Mary A. (Lahey) Blackburn. The father, who was a veteran of the Civil war, died in 1907, while his wife passed away in 1906. Their son, Harry D. Blackburn, attended St. Mary's parochial school of Dixon and afterward spent three years as a high school pupil in that city, thus qualifying for life's practical and responsible duties. He enlisted for military service as a member of the National Guard on the 1st of June, 1916, and when the United States entered the World war he continued with the army, being the youngest veteran to go from Dixon. He went overseas with the One Hundred and Twenty-third Field Artillery of the Thirty-third Division and took part in the St. Mihiel offensive and the battles of the Meuse-Argonne, while later he was on active duty with the army of occupation, receiving his discharge on the 8th of June, 1919.

When out of the army Mr. Blackburn obtained a position with the telephone company of Dixon, which corporation he served for eight years. In 1925 he removed to Lanark, becoming manager for the Northwestern Illinois Utility Company of this place, the business being owned by the same company for which he worked in Dixon. He continued with them until March 25, 1933, when he was

appointed a member of the highway maintenance police and has so served since that date.

In 1921 Mr. Blackburn was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Hannan and they are the parents of a daughter, Anna Marie. Mr. Blackburn's allegiance to the democratic party has never been a matter of question since he was old enough to vote. He is an enthusiastic party worker, taking an active and helpful interest in every campaign. He has a wide acquaintance in northwestern Illinois and his many good qualities have gained for him the respect and friendship of those with whom he has been associated.

ERNEST WINCHESTER

Ernest Winchester, who since attaining his majority has attended many of the conventions of the democratic party and is keenly interested in its success, is now filling the position of game and fish warden for Johnson county, having been appointed February 15, 1933. He makes his home in Vienna, where he is also active in business as the owner of a cafe. He was here born August 3, 1895, and is a son of Robert and Onie (Redden) Winchester. The common school system of the community accorded him his educational opportunities and his youthful days were passed in the usual manner of the lad whose time is divided between the work of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground. Since attaining the age where he felt it incumbent that he provide for his own support he has given his attention to the conduct of a cafe and has built up a good business in this connection.

On the 28th of April, 1917, in Vienna, Mr. Winchester was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Leach and they are now parents of a daughter, Alice Margaret, who is at home. The religious faith of the family is that of the Christian Church, the teachings of which Mr. Winchester loyally follows. Politically he is a democrat, having unfalteringly supported the party since reaching adult age. On the 15th of February, 1933, he was appointed game and fish warden for Johnson county and is now doing everything in his power to conserve and promote the interests of the county along this line. His friends, and they are many, speak of him in terms of warm regard and he is accounted one of the best known citizens of southern Illinois.

ROSS B. LEMMON

Ross B. Lemmon, of Nebo, is connected with the political activities of Illinois as an ardent champion of democratic principles and is now filling the office of field auditor of the liquor division of the department of revenue of Illinois. Pike county claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred at Nebo, January 19, 1894. Both of his parents are now deceased. His father, I. L. Lemmon, was born near Duquoin, Illinois, March 7, 1860, and passed away September 1, 1922. His mother, who in her maidenhood was Alice Barton, was born at Pleasant Hill, Pike county, November 9, 1866, and departed this life September 1, 1922. In young manhood I. L. Lemmon took up the reading of law but later gave his attention to farming and to commercial interests, becoming a dealer in lumber and grain at Nebo. He actively supported the democratic party and for a number of years represented Nebo as a member of the board of supervisors.

Ross B. Lemmon mastered the preliminary branches of learning as a public school pupil in Nebo and later studied in Carrollton and in Jacksonville, being graduated from the high school of the latter city in 1912. He also attended the University of Illinois for a year and for a similar period was a student in the Gem City Business College of Quincy. When his school days were over and he faced the more serious problems and responsibilities of life he became interested in the grain business and in farming. These two pursuits have since largely claimed his time and attention and his close application, strong purpose and business dependability have been the basic elements in his success.

On the 29th of June, 1919, Mr. Lemmon was married to Miss Helen Lever, a daughter of Edwin and Cora Lever, of Newark, New Jersey. They have two

children, Ross B., Jr., and Edwin Lever. Mr. Lemmon has taken an active interest in democratic affairs since old enough to understand involved political problems. He has always believed in the efficacy of democratic principles as factors in good government and in 1934 he was elected to serve on the democratic central committee of Pike county, while in the same year he attended the state convention in Springfield. On the 26th of February, 1934, he was appointed field auditor with the Illinois department of finance in the liquor revenue division, with headquarters at East St. Louis. In Masonic circles, too, he is well known, for he has passed through the blue lodge to become a member of the Royal Arch chapter, the Scottish Rite consistory and the Mystic Shrine. He is an intelligent, capable young man whose future seems assured, for he is actuated by a laudable ambition guided at all times by commendable purposes.

LINWOOD H. KEELER

Linwood H. Keeler, deputy internal revenue collector, with offices in Champaign, was born in Bondville, Champaign county, April 11, 1896, his parents being William Henry and Laura J. (Hardin) Keeler. He attended the city schools until graduated from high school with the class of 1914 and he also spent a half semester in the University of Illinois.

On the 16th of April, 1922, in Decatur, Illinois, Mr. Keeler was united in marriage to Miss Vivian Thompson and they are the parents of three children, William, Donald and Laura Jane. The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally Mr. Keeler is a Mason, loyal to the teachings and purposes of the craft. He also belongs to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and to the Disabled American Veterans. His military experience began April 16, 1917, when he enlisted in Battery B, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Field Artillery of the Fifty-eighth Division. He served overseas for one year, being on the front line in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. He was at Eponville and in other drives and was gassed and slightly wounded.

Mr. Keeler has always given his political allegiance to the democratic party and was appointed deputy internal revenue collector on the 1st of December, 1933. He has served as precinct committeeman and has attended several county and state conventions. He is known as an earnest party worker and one whose efforts are far-reaching and effective.

CHARLES F. DUIS

Charles F. Duis, who has been connected with agricultural interests in Lee county for a number of years and who is now investigator of the department of conservation, makes his home at 1312 Peoria avenue in Dixon. He was born near this city September 7, 1879, and is a son of Jelle and Catherine (Ortgiesen) Duis, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father on coming to the new world settled in Dixon township, Lee county, Illinois, where he turned his attention to the work of tilling the soil. His study of political questions and issues led him to become allied with the democratic party. To him and his wife were born three sons and four daughters. George E., the eldest son, now living at Grand Forks, North Dakota, has been an active democrat all his life and served as postmaster of Grand Forks under appointment of President Wilson. He is prominent in agricultural circles and is the president of the North Dakota and Montana Wheat Growers Association and president of the Implement Dealers Insurance Company of North Dakota. The second son, John F., was deputy United States marshal of North Dakota at the time of his death.

The third son, Charles F. Duis, attended the public schools of Dixon township and later the Dixon Business College. He has made his home in the city since 1898 but has continued to give his attention to agricultural pursuits. His labors have brought good results and his farm land is highly cultivated.

Mr. Duis was united in marriage to Miss Helen Tague and they are well known in the city where they live, occupying an enviable position in social circles. Fraternally Mr. Duis is a Mason and an Elk. He has always been active in

democratic affairs since attaining his majority and since the 15th of December, 1933, he has filled the position of investigator in the department of conservation of Illinois. A lifelong resident of Lee county, he has a wide acquaintance and that his record is a creditable one is shown by the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

ARCHIE C. SAULTZ

Archie C. Saultz, of Havana, engaged in highway maintenance work, was born in Mason county, Illinois, May 27, 1892, and is a son of William and Anna (Clark) Saultz, the former a native of Missouri and the latter of Alton, Illinois. The father was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting from Mason county in the One Hundred and Thirty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served throughout the period of hostilities, participating in many hotly contested engagements, and for many years he was a member of the police force in Havana. Both he and his wife have passed away.

Archie C. Saultz pursued his education in the schools of Havana and afterward engaged in factory work and other industrial lines. On the 23d of January, 1933, he became highway maintenance patrolman, which position he now holds, and in 1934 he was made the democratic candidate for the office of county treasurer. He has been a party worker in democratic ranks since reaching the age of nineteen years and for two years he has served as precinct committeeman.

On the 1st of July, 1916, Mr. Saultz was married to Miss Ruby Brown and they are well known in Mason county, where he has spent his entire life.

JOHN W. WOODALL

Few men among the younger democrats of Illinois have manifested more efficiency and interest in the work of the party than John W. Woodall, member of the state highway police, and resident of Winchester, in Scott county. Following other party honors, he is now chairman of the Scott county democratic central committee.

Mr. Woodall was born in Manchester, Scott county, November 20, 1894, and he is a son of George W. and Mary E. (Paris) Woodall. George W. Woodall, a well known and highly reputed citizen of Scott county, was born in Scarborough, England, November 5, 1857, and came to the United States with his parents in 1869. The family settled in Morgan county, Illinois, and about 1880 Mr. Woodall moved to a farm in Scott county. Nearly ten years thereafter, he went to Manchester and for about eight years engaged in the hardware and lumber business. In 1899, the Woodall family changed its residence to Winchester, and for three or four years following he conducted a live stock commission business at the National Stock Yards at East St. Louis. Since that period, he has farmed and engaged in farm management. He has become widely interested in business enterprises of Scott county and is vice president of the Neat, Credit and Grout Bank of Winchester; a director in the Bank of Bluffs in Bluffs, Illinois; vice president of the Farmers Elevator and Mercantile Company of Winchester; and for a period of ten years was in the lumber, hardware and building material business in Winchester. He served as commissioner of Scott county from 1912 until 1916, and has been extraordinarily active in democratic circles all of his life. He was mayor of Winchester for one term. For fifty-three years he has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was married to Mary E. Paris, who was born near Terre Haute, Indiana, November 25, 1858, and to them have been born four children. Robert W., the eldest, now resides in Winchester. Mildred, also living in Winchester, is married to George H. Cowhiek. Third in order of birth is the immediate subject of this sketch, and Fred P., the youngest, who lives in Argo, Illinois, is assistant superintendent of the wet starch department of the Corn Produce Refining Company, situated in that city.

John W. Woodall received his early education in the public schools of Win-

chester, then attended St. Charles Military Academy in St. Charles, Missouri. He then took his more advanced studies at the Christian Brothers College in St. Louis. The science of chiropractic interested him at this point and he entered the Palmer School in Davenport, Iowa, and graduated therefrom in 1917, after which he practiced in Asheville, North Carolina, for three years. In 1922 he returned to Winchester, and in 1923 and 1924 he traveled extensively in Europe and in Africa. Since then he has been variously engaged, his occupations having included the mercantile business, apartment house management, and dealing in cattle and hogs. In 1932 he was elected as a democratic precinct committeeman and was chosen secretary. He was re-elected committeeman in 1934 and chosen as chairman of the Scott county democratic central committee. From 1931 to 1933, he was also an alderman in Winchester, and he has attended several state democratic conventions. In May, 1933, he was appointed a member of the highway maintenance police, and now holds this position. In 1917, Mr. Woodall enlisted for service in the United States Army, but was honorably discharged in July, 1917 from the Rock Island Arsenal on account of his inability to make the necessary weight. He is a member of American Legion Post 442. His church is the Methodist.

On November 19, 1934, Mr. Woodall was married to Miss Lena Mary Nunes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Nunes of Jacksonville, Illinois. Mrs. Woodall always made her home in Jacksonville where she attended the public schools and graduated from Jacksonville high school in the class of 1930. Then later she entered nurses training at Our Savior's Hospital of Jacksonville and graduated in the class of 1933, and after completing her training followed that profession until she was married.

Mr. Woodall has never sought the limelight in Scott county or Winchester, but is universally considered one of the outstanding of the younger citizens; one whose integrity is unquestioned and whose public spirit is sincere in every respect. Through these channels he has gained many friends.

BYRON RAY LEWIS

An outstanding member of the democratic party in Lawrence county, Illinois, is Byron Ray Lewis, of Bridgeport, who is widely known through his historical and genealogical work and his extensive researches in connection with his vocation.

Mr. Lewis is a member of one of Illinois' most illustrious pioneer families. He was born in Bridgeport in the year 1880 and is a son of Joseph B. and Mary E. (Lake) Lewis. His paternal great-grandparents were Paul and Ann (Stewart) Lewis, the former of whom was born near Guilford Court House, North Carolina, and the latter in Tennessee. Paul Lewis came to Lawrence county, Illinois, in 1814 and in 1820 in Edwards county was married to Ann Stewart, who had been brought to this vicinity in her girlhood by her parents, James Potts and Margaret (Witherspoon) Stewart. The father had been a participant in the War of 1812 and had come to Lawrence county in 1816. Byron R. Lewis' maternal great-grandparents were David and Jerusha (Frary) Lake, natives of the state of Vermont. Both the Lewis and the Lake families entered land very early, and the members of each became very prominent in the community. Isaiah Lewis, father of Paul Lewis, entered one hundred and sixty acres of land, which was the first Lewis entry, and he afterward served on the first petit jury of the county, on the second grand jury, and in 1824 became a county commissioner for two years. Paul Lewis constructed the first flax mill in the county, also an ox-power mill for making linseed oil. This was about 1840.

Joseph B. Lewis, father of Byron Ray Lewis, was born in 1850, a son of Perry and Mary Jane (Musgrave) Lewis. The former was born in Lawrence county in 1821 and the latter in Ohio in 1827. At the age of fourteen, Perry Lewis was apprenticed as a millwright and for many years was identified with

mill, bridge and house building where the framing of heavy timbers was involved. He operated the old watermill in Lawrenceville for several years, and also engaged in farming. He served two terms as supervisor of Lawrence township, was precinct committeeman in 1856 when Buchanan was elected, and in 1860 actively engaged in the campaign for the election of Stephen A. Douglas to the presidency. He was grand marshal of the day, August 23, 1860, when the Hon. John A. Logan made the principal address in behalf of Douglas in Lawrenceville. He was a master at splicing and raising flagpoles for political occasions. Perry Lewis and his wife were highly respected and influential citizens in every respect. Eleven children came to their home, of whom but one grew to adult life. Perry Lewis passed away in 1912, at the age of ninety-one years, and his wife died in 1910 at the age of eighty-three.

Joseph B. Lewis, father of Byron Ray Lewis, whose birth occurred in 1850, early in life learned to be a carpenter. In this capacity he worked on the building of the Big Four Railroad in Illinois, on the Tamaroa & Chester Railroad, and on construction work in Texas. Later he took up farming and so continued until his death, March 24, 1929. His wife, who was born in 1853, died January 3, 1927. To them were born the following children: Byron Ray; Conelia Olive, who passed away in 1898, at the age of sixteen; Whitney LeRoy, who died in 1898, at the age of fourteen; Lydia Beatrice, whose death occurred in 1907, when she was twenty-one years old; Frances, who died in 1889, at one year of age; Roger Quincy Mills, born in 1889 and now living in Bridgeport; and Ruth Ellen, who is married to Virden French of Bridgeport. Roger Q. M. Lewis, the other surviving son of Joseph B. Lewis, is named for a well-known Texas senator. He was united in marriage to Miss Chlors Stiver in 1920, and to them four daughters and one son have been born. The son, Roger Byron, born in 1933, is expected to follow in the footsteps of his forebears politically. Roger Q. M. Lewis has served as precinct committeeman and as delegate to several conventions. He gives much attention to Legion affairs.

In the district and high schools of Bridgeport and vicinity Byron Ray Lewis obtained his early education, followed by academic and collegiate studies in Vincennes, Indiana. In 1907 he received from the University of Illinois his Bachelor of Arts degree, and he supplemented this with two years of post-graduate work. He engaged in teaching in the high school of Bridgeport until 1917, then for four years was principal of the high school. In the years since then, Mr. Lewis has gone deeply into genealogical research work and writing, in which subjects he is considered an authority and extremely well-versed. He possesses a marked talent in the line of endeavor which he follows, and he keeps abreast of all modern progress in historical studies.

In 1916 occurred the marriage of Byron Ray Lewis and Miss Luella Eaton, who was born in Christy township, Lawrence county, Illinois, in 1878, and is a daughter of James and Cynthia (Lewis) Eaton. Mrs. Lewis's paternal grandfather, Caius Marius Eaton, was born in Orange county, Vermont, in 1797, and about 1804 was taken to western New York by his parents. At twenty-one years of age, he walked to Vincennes, Indiana, but later moved to Lawrenceville, where he taught school, also was a county judge and justice of the peace. His wife, Luey (Paine) Eaton, was born in Ulysses, Seneca county, New York. James Eaton, father of Mrs. Eaton, was born in Lawrenceville in 1831, and during the gold rush days of 1849 went by ox-team to California and there mined for five years. He returned to Illinois by the Isthmus route, and in Christy township taught school, farmed, and held office as county treasurer. During the entire period of the Civil war, he served his country as a member of Company G, Eleventh Missouri Volunteer Infantry. James Eaton was a very influential and public-spirited man in his community. Originally a republican in politics, he changed to the democratic party after Grant's administration. He was the organizer of the Farmers Institute in his locality, and secretary of the Mutual Insurance Company.

Byron Ray Lewis is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Knight

Templar. He has passed through all the chairs of the Blue Lodge and Commandery, and is district deputy grand master of the Eighty-seventh Masonic district. He is president of the George Rogers Clark Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and belongs to the New England Genealogical and Historical Society, the Institute of American Genealogy, the National Historical Association, and to the Lawrence County Fair Association, of which he was recently treasurer. Mr. Lewis is an elder in the Christian Church, and is a teacher in the Sunday-school. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party. Mrs. Lewis is one of the foremost women of her home city, being actively interested in social and cultural affairs. Likewise, she is engrossed in historical work and has co-operated extensively with her husband in his work. She is a member and past regent of Toussaint du Bois Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, belongs to the Women's Temperance Union, is organizing president of the C. A. R. in Lawrence county, a member of the Eastern Star, the White Shrine of Jerusalem, and is president of the Lawrence County Tuberculosis Association.

CHARLES R. BOWERS

Charles R. Bowers, who for more than twenty years has engaged in the grocery business in Elmwood and is also the postmaster of the city, was here born January 25, 1887, his parents being H. G. and Mary (Reed) Bowers, the former a native of Iowa. The paternal grandfather, C. L. Bowers, removed from Iowa to Illinois and followed farming near Elmwood. At the time of the Civil war he espoused the cause of the Union and followed the stars and stripes on southern battlefields. The Reeds were from West Virginia, and S. M. Reed, grandfather of Charles R. Bowers, became one of the early settlers of Elmwood.

Charles R. Bowers was one of a family of three children and was educated in the schools of Elmwood, pursuing the high school course. In early manhood he engaged in the grocery business and still conducts a store in his native city, carrying a well selected line of goods and enjoying a good trade.

Mr. Bowers married Miss Nina McCoy, a representative of an old family of Fulton county, Illinois, and they are the parents of two daughters, Catherine and Dorothy Jean. Mr. Bowers enjoys the respect and confidence of his fellow-men because his life has been well spent. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church and is equally loyal to his vows as a follower of Masonry. Politically he has always been a democrat. He served for two terms as supervisor and then resigned to take over the duties of postmaster, in which capacity he is now capably serving. He is a member of the county committee and had charge of the party work in the county outside of Peoria during the campaign of 1932. He was the first democrat in years to carry Elmwood township when a candidate for the office of supervisor and he has become a very influential factor in the county organization.

FRED EDWARD WRIGHT

Fred Edward Wright, a resident of Plano, is now serving as highway patrolman, and the democratic party in Kendall county finds in him a worthy representative. Michigan claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Barry county, that state, November 24, 1858. His father died when Fred E. was but a young boy. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Hulda Polly, was born in Germany and was a maiden of fifteen summers when she came to the new world, settling in Michigan, where she continued to make her home until called to her final rest.

Fred Edward Wright began his education in one of the typical old-time log schoolhouses with wooden benches and no desk, but this did not prevent him from mastering the "three R's." He was a youth of eighteen years when he came to Illinois, settling first in Yorkville, and aside from one year spent in

Minnesota he has continuously resided in Kendall county to the present time. In his youthful days he learned the blacksmith's trade, and it was with his employer, a Kendall county man, that he went to Minnesota in order to complete the mastery of his trade under the same man. However, upon his return to Kendall county he took up the occupation of farming, which he has largely made his life work. Three years ago he worked in a paper mill for a time but has usually concentrated his efforts and attention upon agricultural pursuits.

In 1888 Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Mrs. Louisa (Wheeler) Graham and they have had four children, as follows: Clarence Eugene; Fred L.; Frances Erma, who is deceased; and Ben Howard. The three sons are stalwart supporters of the democratic party. By her first husband Mrs. Wright had two daughters, Jennie Louise and Clara Graham.

Voting with the democratic party since casting his first ballot, Mr. Wright is well known in political circles. He has served as precinct committeeman in Bristol, Kendall county, and was a constable in that town and also in Plano, so that his experience as a custodian of the peace well qualified him for the office to which he was appointed in February, 1933, at which time he was made highway maintenance patrolman. In spite of his advanced years—he is now seventy-five—it is easy to see that he efficiently discharges his duties by reason of the fine condition of the highway that is under his supervision. He was a candidate for road commissioner and lost by only seven votes in a strong republican township and against a popular candidate. His work for the party is notable, for he has seen democratic strength in his precinct grow from thirty-eight to one hundred and twenty-two votes.

JOHN CHARLES NIESING

John Charles Niesing, a clothing merchant of Pinckneyville who is widely known for his progressive citizenship, has worked to good ends to promote the upbuilding and welfare of the community in which he makes his home and his labors have been far-reaching and beneficial. Mr. Niesing was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 4, 1873. His father, Joseph Niesing, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, about 1830 and in early life became a stonecutter but later engaged in mining. He was a lifelong democrat and worked consistently for his party but never sought nor held office. He was killed in a mine disaster in 1880. His wife, Theresa Kierst, whom he married in Cincinnati, Ohio, was born in Alsace-Lorraine and came to America in her girlhood, her mother dying of cholera when the family were at sea en route to the new world.

It was in 1874 that the Niesing family removed from Ohio to Perry county, Illinois, John C. Niesing being then less than a year old. He pursued his education in the schools of Pinckneyville and when still comparatively young went to work on a farm. He afterward learned the carriage painting trade but found it only a seasonal business, so that at times he was unemployed. Ambitious to keep busy all of the time, he then went to work in the clothing store of Joe Solomon in 1893 and remained in that position for nine years. He took a forward step when in 1905 he formed a partnership with J. C. Wildy and for twenty-three years they conducted business successfully, the relationship being terminated only in the death of Mr. Wildy in 1928. Since that time Mr. Niesing has carried on the business under his own name and is accounted one of the representative and enterprising merchants of Pinckneyville.

On the 12th of August, 1908, Mr. Niesing married Florence Esther Ritchey, of Murphysboro, Illinois, a daughter of W. T. Ritchey, who at one time was a train dispatcher and later became a coal mine operator. The only child of this marriage, Frances Elizabeth, is now Mrs. Herman W. Bischof, of St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Niesing finds his chief diversion in outdoor sports at the Elks Country Club. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the



JOHN C. NIESING

Modern Woodmen of America and is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus, which is indicative of the fact that his religious faith is that of the Catholic Church. He is now county administrator for the Civil Works Administration and has at various times been called to positions of public honor and trust, for two terms having served as alderman of Pinekneyville and for two terms as city commissioner. For ten years he was president of the Chamber of Commerce, during which period the organization raised forty thousand dollars for a shoe factory, which has since become a garment factory and is a very successful project, being one of the leading industrial concerns of Pinekneyville, whereby a considerable sum of money is kept in weekly circulation. January 7th, 1926, he was elected chairman of the board of directors of the Murphy Wall State Bank & Trust Company, of which bank he had been a director for the past fourteen years. He is also vice president of the Perry County Fair Association, which has been in existence for seventy-two years and which under the guidance of Mr. Niesing and his fellow officials was made a paying concern in 1933, notwithstanding the depression. In a word Mr. Niesing is active and influential in all civic affairs, his cooperation being at all times counted upon to further any movement or project for the general good.

EDWARD BRAY

Edward Bray, who became a highway maintenance patrolman on the 2d of February, 1933, makes his home in Utica, where his entire life has been passed. He was born on the 29th of January, 1900, and is a son of Patrick and Anna Bray, the former still living, while the latter has departed this life. The father was a guard at a state prison under Governor Dunne and the family has always given political support to the democratic party.

No unusual event occurred to disturb the even tenor of his way during the youthful days of Edward Bray, who acquired his education in the public schools of Utica. He afterward drove a truck and was a crane operator until he was appointed to his present position, being made highway maintenance patrolman on the 2d of February, 1933. He has thus served for more than a year and a half and his record is a commendable one, for he is always loyal to the duties and responsibilities that devolve upon him. His religious faith is that of the Catholic Church, to which he is as faithful as he is to his democratic belief.

HENRY C. TOELLEN

Henry C. Toellen, of Peru, who on the 1st of August, 1933, became automobile license investigator, working out of the office of the secretary of state, was born December 21, 1900, in the city where he still lives. His parents were Charles F. and Katherine Toellen, the latter now deceased. The father is mayor of Peru at this writing, in 1934, and for eighteen years has filled the office of alderman. He has thus been closely connected with municipal affairs and has done splendid work for the city in his support of measures for the public good.

Henry C. Toellen is indebted to the public schools for his educational opportunities and in 1918 was graduated from the La Salle-Peru Township high school. He started out in the business world as an employe in a bank and afterward was in the postal service. Later he turned his attention to the insurance business, in which he continued until August 1, 1933, when he became automobile license investigator, his activities being directed from the office of the secretary of state. For the past four years he has been especially active in the democratic party and in 1932 organized the Young Men's Democratic Association of Peru. He served as its first president and is now chairman of the governing board.

On the 1st of September, 1923, Mr. Toellen was united in marriage to Miss Ottilia Grabowski and they are the parents of a son, Wayne Henry. They attend and hold membership in the German Lutheran Church of La Salle and Mr. Toellen is identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic fraternity. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias and with the D. Ks of which

he has been secretary for the past seven years. He takes a very active interest in fraternity work and is most loyal to the teachings and purposes of the orders with which he is affiliated.

OSCAR EDWARD OLSEN

Oscar Edward Olsen, of Plano, cast his first presidential vote for Woodrow Wilson and in the intervening years to the present time he has remained a stalwart advocate of the party. Mr. Olsen was born in Chicago, a son of Emil and Myrtle Olsen, both of whom have passed away. The family came to Plano soon after the birth of the son Oscar, and the father, who was a moulder, here worked at his trade, thus becoming closely identified with the industrial activities of the city.

Oscar E. Olsen obtained his education in the schools of Plano and he, too, turned to industrial life, early learning the trade of tool and die maker, at which he worked for fourteen years. He then turned his attention to the mason's trade, which he followed for a period of eight years, and at the present writing he is giving his attention to the duties that devolve upon him as a state police officer, to which position he was appointed April 20, 1933. He has long been known as a worker in democratic circles and he does everything in his power to legitimately promote the success of the party and its candidates.

On the 24th of December, 1921, Mr. Olsen was united in marriage to Miss Marie Van Kirk. Mr. and Mrs. Olsen hold membership in the Baptist Church and are loyal to its teachings. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. It is characteristic of him that he never falters in his support of any plan or measure in which he believes and his influence is always on the side of progress and improvement.

ERNEST L. BENSON

Ernest L. Benson, who makes his home at 416 Northwest First street in Galva, was born at Wataga, Knox county, Illinois, August 12, 1879, his parents being John Alfred and Betty T. (Tullson) Benson, both of whom were natives of Sweden. Crossing the Atlantic in early life, they became residents of Knox county, Illinois, and in 1880 removed to Henry county, where the father was engaged in business as a mine manager. He has now passed away, but the mother is still living. John A. Benson and his sons were all active democrats, giving unfaltering allegiance to the party and its principles.

Ernest L. Benson is one of a family of three sons and four daughters and he acquired a public school education which was terminated with a course in the high school at Galva. Following his graduation he accepted the position of office boy with the Hayes Pump & Ladder Company of Galva and remained with that firm for eleven years, working his way steadily upward until he became an accountant. He was afterward associated with the manufacturing firm of John H. Best & Sons, serving as traffic manager and accountant, and again his faithfulness and capability were indicated in the fact that he was retained in their service for nine years. On the expiration of that period he resigned his position, having been appointed postmaster of Galva during the administration of President Wilson. He served as postmaster for nine years and then purchased a book and gift store in Galva which he conducted for six years. On various occasions his fellow townsmen have called him to office. He served for a time as city treasurer and for six years was a member of the board of education of the Galva high school, acting for five years of that period as the board secretary. For four years he was the secretary of the Henry county democratic central committee and he was formerly chairman of the thirty-seventh senatorial district committee, of which he is now the secretary. In the winter of 1933-34 he was purchasing agent for the Henry County Civil Works Administration and at the present writing he is examiner for the Illinois Life Insurance Company.

On the 15th of December, 1904, Mr. Benson was united in marriage to Miss

Ethel Louise Wilson, of Galva. Mr. Benson belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Masonic fraternity and was formerly identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a charter member of the local Rotary Club and he belongs to the Congregational Church. He finds interest and recreation in the cultivation of flowers and the study of birds. His activities have been wide and varied and have always led along lines of progress and improvement.

M. R. SULLIVAN

For more than a third of a century M. R. Sullivan has been a member of the bar and is successfully practicing with offices in Granite City. He was born on a farm near Carrollton, in Greene county, Illinois, April 23, 1877, a son of Timothy and Mary (Mahoney) Sullivan, both of whom were natives of Ireland, the former coming to the United States at the age of sixteen years and the latter when twelve years of age. Timothy Sullivan was a farmer by occupation. In politics he was a staunch democrat, active locally in the party, and he reared his family in that faith.

M. R. Sullivan attended the public schools of Greene county and then entered the law office of his brother, D. J. Sullivan, at Roodhouse, Illinois, pursuing his law reading under his brother's direction until admitted to the bar in 1900. He then opened a law office in Greenfield, where he practiced for a year, at the end of which time he removed to Granite City, where he has since remained, and through the intervening period he has continued in general practice, being well versed in all departments of the law. The thoroughness with which he has always prepared his cases and his ability to present his cause in a clear and forceful manner have been potent elements in his continually growing success. He belongs to the Tri-City, Madison County and Illinois State Bar Associations.

In 1908 Mr. Sullivan was married to Miss Ethel Murray, of Greene county, Illinois. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church and they have a wide circle of warm friends throughout the community in which they reside. From the time of his arrival in Granite City, Mr. Sullivan has been an active democrat and has served as a delegate to various judicial conventions. For six years he filled the office of city attorney and for seventeen years was judge of the city court. He has labored in every possible way to further the adoption of the principles in which he so firmly believes, giving all possible time and aid to his party.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BENNETT

Among Granite City's residents who give staunch support to the democratic party is Benjamin Franklin Bennett, who is now serving as supervisor. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky, January 16, 1879, a son of Joseph W. and Susan Bennett. The father, a native of Ohio, became a steel worker and followed that business much of his life. He served as constable in Kentucky and he died when his son Benjamin was only six weeks old.

In the public schools of Louisville and vicinity B. F. Bennett pursued his education to the age of fourteen years, when he entered the steel mills as an iron worker, continuing his connection with the steel industry in Kentucky until 1905. In that year he went to Madison, Illinois, where he resided until 1922, when he came to Granite City, and for twenty-six years he has been connected with the Granite City Steel Company, a record which indicates absolute faithfulness as well as efficiency. Since coming to Illinois he has been very active in organized labor, having membership in the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of North America, belonging to Granite City Lodge No. 11. He is a past corresponding representative and at present is treasurer of the local. He has been a delegate to many international conventions and in 1932 was a candidate for international president of America and is again a candidate in 1934. He also holds an honorary card in Local 61 of Teamsters Chauffeurs, Helpers & Stablemen of America in Granite City, Illinois.

For twenty years Mr. Bennett has been active in the democratic party. Since 1933 he has been a member of the county board of supervisors from Granite City and is doing everything in his power to promote the welfare of the county through the faithful discharge of his official duties. He is chairman of the committee on state charity, physicians and paupers and a member of the committee on mines and mining. From 1931 until 1933 he served as a member of the council of Granite City and he was an honorary delegate to the democratic state convention at Springfield in 1934.

On August 22, 1899, Mr. Bennett was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Hawkins, of Louisville, Kentucky, and they are the parents of four children, namely: Ethel Enos, Elsie L., J. W. and Loraine Frances. Mr. Bennett belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and he is appreciative of the social amenities of life. The active part which he has taken in politics and in organized labor makes him a representative citizen of Madison county.

MRS. ELIZABETH K. BUTLER

Mrs. Elizabeth K. Butler, of Crystal Lake, is a daughter of Edward and Mary (Kearins) Kirchberg, of this city. She was committeewoman for her precinct during the 1932 campaign and is now acting postmaster of Crystal Lake.

A. J. SUTKUS

A. J. Sutkus, of Waukegan, is widely known for his activity in the field of insurance and real estate and as a dry-goods merchant, and he is also recognized as one of the most influential Lithuanians of Lake county, where he has done important work for the democratic party among his people who, like himself, are of Lithuanian birth or descent. He makes his home in Waukegan, where he has lived since 1902. He was born in Scranton, Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania, January 2, 1887, a son of Joseph and Agnes (Kampis) Sutkus, the latter a native of Germany. The father was born in Lithuania and during the period of his residence in Scranton, Pennsylvania, was active in public life.

A. J. Sutkus attended the parochial schools of his native city and as a young man became a mule driver in the coal mines of that locality. After a short time, however, he entered the grocery business in Scranton, where he remained until 1902, when he came to Waukegan, Illinois. Here he found employment as wire inspector for the American Steel & Wire Company and later recognition of his capability led to his promotion to the position of assistant foreman. Afterward he re-entered school in Waukegan and subsequently attended the school of the Mergenthaler Linotype Company in Brooklyn, where he became an operator and mechanic. On his return to Waukegan he became connected with the Lithuanian Daily Friend, a paper published in Chicago and of which he was made assistant manager. At a later period he served for three years as manager of the Lithuanian Cooperative Store in Waukegan and thus step by step he advanced as the result of his industry, close application and sound business judgment. In 1917 he established an insurance business of his own in Waukegan and later he also began dealing in real estate. Another year passed and he opened a dry-goods store with a full line of up-to-date dry goods. These three business interests have claimed his time and attention to the present and he ranks among the representative and progressive business men of the city.

In 1914 Mr. Sutkus was united in marriage to Anna Zupkus, a native of Waukegan, Illinois, and they are the parents of four children: Leo, Lucy, Albert and Florentina. Mr. Sutkus is a Catholic, belonging to St. Bartholomew's Church of Waukegan. For thirty years he has been a member of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America, serving as national vice president, as head of the finance committee, as chairman of the advisory committee and now as president of the national organization. During the World war he visited twenty states, working through the Lithuanian organizations in connection with

the sale of Liberty bonds, and he holds a citation of honor from the national committee on public information concerning his work. In 1924 he organized the Lithuanian Building & Loan Association of Waukegan, served as its secretary for many years, has been a director since 1924 and is now its president. He has marked power and influence among the Lithuanians of Lake county, his opinions carrying weight among the people of that nationality. He is president of the Lithuanian Auditorium Association and he is active in all religious and political societies. Fraternally he is connected with the Loyal Order of Moose, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

In 1910 Mr. Sutkus became active in political affairs. He has been a lifelong democrat, working and serving the party faithfully and consistently. In 1930 he was elected a member of the Lake county board of supervisors, to which position he was reelected in 1933, and he has served on all of its prominent committees. Again and again he has been a delegate to the state conventions at Springfield and in 1934 he was elected a member of the democratic county central committee, and he manages all of the campaigns among his countrymen for the ticket. He heads the local precinct democratic club and in October, 1933, he was appointed deputy state oil inspector for Lake county, while at the present writing in 1934 he is the party nominee for county treasurer. He belongs to the Illinois Taxpayers Association and his study of financial problems would well qualify him for the duties of the office which he seeks. He is a sport enthusiast and five years ago organized a baseball team known as the Sutkus Boosters, which has had a position of leadership in the local leagues since that time. Mr. Sutkus is indeed a well known and influential citizen of Waukegan and Lake county and his influence has always been exerted on the side of advancement, reform and improvement.

VERNE R. JOHNSON

Verne R. Johnson, a resident of Lincoln, is not only a pronounced leader in democratic circles but has also been connected with many organized movements which have to do with the benefit of his community, being particularly active in connection with the Boy Scouts. He was born in Lynnville, Morgan county, Illinois, March 31, 1892, and is a son of Frank A. Johnson, who was likewise born in this state. The father became a teacher, devoting many years to educational work, and at the time of his death he was filling the important position of county superintendent of schools in Morgan county. In politics he was a democrat, always giving staunch support to the party and its principles. He married Jessie B. Gordon, also a native of Illinois and a daughter of John Gordon, who served for two terms in the state legislature.

When Verne R. Johnson was about five years of age his parents removed with their family from Lynnville to Jacksonville, Illinois, where he attended the public schools, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from high school. He afterward pursued a course in Brown's Business College at Jacksonville, specializing in commercial law. He was but thirteen years of age, however, when he started out to provide for his own support by working in a grocery store and subsequently he became a clerk in a shoe store. In 1917 he entered the employ of Swift & Company, meat packers, as a laborer at the plant in Jacksonville and displayed such capability and fidelity that within eighteen months he was promoted to the position of assistant manager of the Jacksonville branch. In 1924 he removed to Lincoln and was made manager of the Armour & Company branch in this city, occupying the position until May, 1934.

In the spring of 1934 Mr. Johnson filed as a candidate for representative in the general assembly and in the April primary he polled fourteen thousand, one hundred and sixty-five votes in a field of eight contestants, with the closest runner up polling only eight thousand, seven hundred and sixty-four, so that he led the ticket by five thousand, four hundred and one votes. In doing this it was

necessary for him to build his own organization and to secure this result it was necessary that five new members of the county democratic committee be elected. This effected the election of a county chairman favorable to Mr. Johnson.

In 1919 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Claudia Frances Goodman, of Petersburg, Illinois, and they are the parents of a son, Bill, who is thirteen years of age. Mr. Johnson has been initiated into the Masonic fraternity and he also holds membership in the Central Christian Church. His cooperation can be counted upon to further any project for the benefit of the individual or for the upbuilding of the community and he has been particularly active in civic work, supporting those plans and measures which make for municipal advancement. He is a member of the Court of Honor for Boy Scouts and is particularly interested in the organization, which is doing so much for the youth of the land in instilling into their minds the principles of loyal and public-spirited citizenship. He is likewise a director of the Chamber of Commerce and has introduced many ideas which have had tangible effect in advancing Lincoln's welfare. In a word he is a valued and representative citizen here and well deserves mention among the democratic leaders of Logan county.

WILLIAM T. HARMON

William T. Harmon, district manager of the National Reemployment Service under the Department of Labor, is meeting in fullest measure the demands of his office for thorough understanding of conditions brought about through financial stress, and that he is most competent in discharging his duties is attested by all who know aught of his work. His life story had its beginning March 21, 1884. He was born near Pisgah, Morgan county, Illinois, a son of Arthur and Catherine (McCarthy) Harmon, the latter a native of Ireland who died in 1921. The father was born in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and passed away in 1915. He was a youth of fifteen years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois, the family home being established in Morgan county. Later he there took up the occupation of farming, which he followed near Franklin, and he always gave his political support to the democratic party. To him and his wife were born seven children: Grace M., who is a teacher in the Lane Technical high school of Chicago; R. E., a practicing attorney of Jacksonville, Illinois; William T., of this review; Anna C., who is librarian at the Waller high school of Chicago; Ida, a nurse in the John B. Murphy Hospital of Chicago; Rena, a nurse in Mercy Hospital of Chicago; and Earl A., who is manager of the store of Montgomery Ward & Company at Mattoon, Illinois.

William T. Harmon attended the public schools of Morgan county, continued his education in Whipple Academy at Jacksonville and then matriculated in Illinois College of that city, from which he was graduated in 1907. In the fall of the same year he went to St. Mary's College in St. Mary, Kentucky, where he taught English and mathematics and also acted as athletic coach. In the fall of 1910 he returned to Illinois College at Jacksonville as athletic coach and instructor, teaching mathematics as well as coaching the athletic activities of the institution until 1917. In May of that year he entered the First Officers Training Camp at Fort Sheridan and was commissioned a captain of infantry on the 15th of August. He trained at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, and went overseas in September, 1918, returning to his native land in August, 1919, and receiving his discharge the same month.

In September, 1919, Mr. Harmon was again at Illinois College, where he continued as athletic director until 1932, since which time he has been commissioner of the Illinois Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. His name is widely known in athletic circles and he has always maintained the highest standards of sportsmanship among the pupils whom he has directed.

On the 28th of August, 1922, Mr. Harmon was united in marriage to Miss Adele McQuiston. They are members of the Catholic Church and Mr. Harmon is identified with the Knights of Columbus. In politics he has taken an active

interest since he became a voter, although his position in college precluded political work of a pronounced character. However, he served for one term as alderman of Jacksonville. On the 10th of April, 1934, he was elected precinct committeeman and later was chosen vice chairman of the Morgan county democratic central committee. In October, 1933, he was appointed district manager of the National Reemployment Service under the United States Department of Labor and in this position has eight counties under his jurisdiction. He is studying closely the vital questions that have arisen because of the financial depression which has brought about so much unemployment and has displayed sound judgment and keen discrimination in meeting the situations that have arisen. His efforts have been beneficially resultant to many in his district and his work has given uniform satisfaction.

ELMER P. SCHAEFER

Elmer P. Schaefer, a member of the Chicago bar, practicing in association with the firm of Tolman, Chandler & Dickinson, was born in the Illinois metropolis May 2, 1903, a son of Elmer P. and Margaret (O'Malley) Schaefer. The father was born in Chicago, February 5, 1875, and for thirty-three years was an employe of Marshall Field & Company, beginning when only twelve years of age and continuing until his death, which occurred June 10, 1920. His widow survived until June 29, 1928. In politics Mr. Schaefer was a lifelong democrat.

Elmer P. Schaefer, whose name introduces this review, attended the public schools of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and for three years was a high school student there. He was graduated, however, from the Hyde Park high school of Chicago in 1921. He won his Bachelor of Philosophy degree at the University of Chicago in 1924 and completed his law course there in 1926, at which time the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence was conferred upon him. He at once began practice in Chicago in association with the firm of Tolman, Sexton & Chandler, predecessors of Tolman, Chandler & Dickinson, with whom he has since continued, making steady advancement in his chosen calling.

On the 14th of February, 1927, Mr. Schaefer was united in marriage to Miss Clarisse Day, and they reside in Elmhurst. Mr. Schaefer has taken a keen interest in democratic affairs since old enough to vote and for the last six years has been very active in party work in Du Page county. He was secretary of the county central committee from 1930 to 1932 and was the democratic nominee for congress in the eleventh district in 1930. His opinions are based upon a careful study and thorough understanding of the vital issues of the day and his support thereof is the expression of his conscientious regard for the public welfare.

WEST M. ROURKE

On July 1, 1934, West M. Rourke was appointed postmaster of the city of Springfield, Illinois, by President Roosevelt. For many years, Mr. Rourke has been a staunch adherent of the democratic party and has cooperated to the fullest extent in the recent progress of the party to its present high status. His appointment was regarded as well-merited and met with general satisfaction.

Mr. Rourke was born in Greenview, Menard county, Illinois, on May 1, 1884, and is a son of John and Anna S. (West) Rourke, both of whom were also born in Illinois. John Rourke, who was a veteran of the Civil war, having served in the Union army, was a prominent farmer of Menard county, also was a democrat of high standing and held a number of local offices.

West M. Rourke received his education in the grade and high schools of Athens, Illinois, and then entered business life, in which he achieved success. As vice president of the Springfield Monument Company and in numerous other connections he became widely and favorably known in the business world. Democratic politics have always been of vital interest to him, and he has served

as precinct committeeman and was a member of the Roosevelt-Horner Democratic organization during the recent campaign.

On December 30, 1908, occurred the marriage of West M. Rourke and Miss Anna E. Birmingham, a daughter of John and Margaret Birmingham of Springfield. To their union there have been born three children, namely: June, John, and Robert. The latter is now a student at the University of Illinois and is known as one of the outstanding football players ever developed in Springfield.

The religious faith of Mr. Rourke is that of the Roman Catholic Church, and he is a trustee of the Blessed Sacrament parish. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus in Springfield, and is Past Grand Knight.

LEO J. STRUIF

Alton's democracy is represented by Leo J. Struif, who is one of the many strong supporters of the party in his city and who is now serving as state tax investigator. He was born in Godfrey, Madison county, Illinois, December 9, 1896, a son of Frank and Therese (Pudde) Struif, the latter a native of Alton. The father was born in Germany and for many years followed farming. He is a resident of Alton and he votes with the democratic party.

The parochial schools of Alton and a business college afforded Leo J. Struif his educational opportunities. As a young man he entered the feed business in Alton under the name of the Struif Feed Company, in which he was associated with his father until 1929. He took instruction in aviation at Parks Air College and now holds a transport license. His activities further cover a year's service as city treasurer of Alton and on the 7th of August, 1933, he was appointed investigator for the retailers' occupational tax division of the department of finance. In 1933 he was a candidate for mayor of Alton and ran a close race without organization support. He has always voted with the democratic party, has attended several of its state conventions and all local party caucuses and is untiring in his efforts to support the party organization.

On the 16th of September, 1924, Mr. Struif was united in marriage to Miss Clara Bauer, of Alton, Illinois, and they are the parents of two children, Jean Clara and Leo James. Mr. Struif belongs to the Knights of Columbus as a fourth degree member and is a past faithful navigator. During the World war he enlisted in the Marine Corps and served with the Second Division, participating in all major engagements in France during the two years in which he was overseas. He was injured twice, once in the Argonne and again at Chateau Thierry, and he received his discharge in October, 1919. He belongs to the American Legion and was formerly a member of the Disabled American War Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for a time and he has always enjoyed the friendship and kindly regard of his fellow members of these organizations.

LESLIE GEORGE PEFFERLE

Leslie George Pfefferle, an attorney of recognized power in the profession, specializing in insurance law and practicing successfully in Springfield, was born in the capital city, February 22, 1895, a son of Fred and Josephine (Crowley) Pfefferle. The former, a native of Springfield, was a machinist who acted as foreman at the Wabash shops. The mother was a native of Edinburg, Illinois.

At the usual age Leslie G. Pfefferle entered the public schools of Springfield and also attended high school for a year, while later he took special work along educational lines and eventually became a law student in Lincoln College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1919. For six months he engaged in general practice and then became manager of the claim department of the Continental Automobile Insurance Company, a position which he occupied for about half a year. He next spent one year as director of publicity with the Central Illinois Public Service Company and then entered into professional connection with the Morgan Insurance Exchange, with which he remained until August,

1922, when he opened offices of his own in the Reisch building in Springfield, giving his attention to general practice. While acquiring the education that fitted him for a professional career he worked for the Illinois State Register and the Springfield News Record, learning his trade on the old Record when W. A. Townsend was editor. He was made a journeyman printer and, having thus advanced, he at once began the study of law after having previously made up his high school work. Since 1922 he has continued in general practice, although specializing largely in insurance law. That he is accorded an eminent place in legal circles is indicated in the fact that he has been elected and is now serving as president of the Sangamon County Bar Association, and he is also a member of the Illinois State and American Bar Associations.

For two terms, from 1920 until 1924, he served on the Sangamon county democratic central committee and he has filled the office of superintendent of special assessments of Springfield since 1923, having acted in this capacity under four mayors.

On the 3d of August, 1922, Mr. Pepperle was married to Miss Amy Swett, of Springfield, a daughter of W. W. Swett, who was born in New Hampshire and is in the insurance business in Springfield. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Bonehill, is a native of Sangamon county, Illinois, and they make their home in the capital city. Mr. and Mrs. Pepperle became parents of three children: Patrieia Jane, now ten years of age; Mary Teresa, aged nine; and George Edward, who died in infancy. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church, in the work of which Mr. Pepperle takes a very active and prominent part. He is diocesan director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Springfield diocese, has taken the fourth degree in the Knights of Columbus and is president of the Big Brothers Association of Illinois. He is a member of the board of directors of the Optimist Club and belongs to the Springfield University Club. An enthusiastic golfer, he is also fond of baseball, football and cards. During the World war he was a second lieutenant with flying status and was commissioned an observer. He aided in organizing Sangamon Post No. 32 of the American Legion and served several terms on its board of directors. His Americanism is never in question. He stands for all that is helpful to the individual, the state and the nation and is governed by high ideals in his relation to fellowmen and to his country.

HARRY E. JACKSON

Harry E. Jackson, of Waterloo, began his political activity in 1922, after the democratic party in Monroe county had reached its lowest ebb in the history of the county, and in a large measure has been responsible for the increased growth democracy has made in Monroe county in the past decade. He was born in Waterloo on March 18, 1893, the son of J. W. Jackson and Celia Bruner Jackson.

His father, a life-long democrat and a native of Pennsylvania, came to Illinois in 1880 and in 1891 located at Waterloo. He devoted his time to the educational development of the community and became one of the democratic leaders of Monroe county. For a number of years he was superintendent of the city schools of Waterloo and later filled the office of county superintendent of schools of Monroe county. His mother, who was born in Greene county, Illinois, was also interested in school work, devoting several years to teaching prior to her marriage to Mr. Jackson.

Harry E. Jackson received his early education in the grade and high schools of Waterloo. After his graduation from high school he entered the educational field, teaching in Monroe and Madison counties. He then became interested in the study of law and received his L. L. B. and L. L. M. degrees from the City College of Law and Finance in St. Louis in 1921 and 1922. He was admitted to the bar of Missouri in 1921, and began practising law in St. Louis. In 1922 he was elected to the office of county superintendent of schools of Monroe county,

which office he filled until 1927, at the same time maintaining his law office in St. Louis. In 1924 he was a candidate for the nomination for congress but was defeated in the primary. In the same years he was nominated for the state senate but declined to run. In 1928 and 1932 he was an alternate delegate to the national conventions. During all these years he gave unfaltering allegiance to the democratic party, working tirelessly toward the building of a strong democratic organization in Monroe county. He was responsible for the organization of the Jefferson Club of Monroe county, and the Monroe County Women's Democratic League. In 1928 he was elected state's attorney and an endorsement of his first four years of service in that office came in 1932 when he was re-elected by one of the largest majorities ever given to a candidate for county office in Monroe county. He is an active and valued member of the Monroe county bar and at the same time is identified with business interests of Waterloo as a director of its Building and Loan Association and as a director in the State Bank of Waterloo.

In 1915 Mr. Jackson was married to Miss Leona Markle, a native of Monroe county, Illinois, and a daughter of John and Catherine Markle, who were democratic supporters. Mrs. Jackson is active politically and is now supervisor of Mother's Pension for the State. The Jacksons have four children: Auvergne, James William, Mary Catherine and Juanita.

Although exempt from service, Mr. Jackson volunteered and entered the World war. He is a member of the American Legion and his fraternal relations are with the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Waterloo Chamber of Commerce, and all progressive measures furthered by that organization receive his endorsement. His life has been one of continuous advancement in his profession and at all times he has held to high standards as a county official and as a citizen.

ROBERT EARL DAVIS

Robert Earl Davis, who in 1932 was appointed district appraiser of the Federal Home Loan, makes his home in Mount Vernon. He has been a lifelong resident of Jefferson county, his birth having here occurred July 21, 1887. His father, W. T. Davis, was born in Tennessee but was brought by his parents to Illinois in 1860, the family settling in Jefferson county, where the grandfather engaged in farming and blacksmithing. For several years W. T. Davis engaged in the sawmill business in the states of Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Illinois and subsequently became a master mechanic for the Lindell Railroad Company of St. Louis. He was a staunch democrat and served as a member of the county central committee for several years, while on various occasions he was a delegate to state conventions, exercising a widespread and beneficial influence in the councils of the party. His death occurred in 1930. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Nancy Elizabeth Gray, was born in Virginia and was brought to Illinois by her parents in 1858, the family settling in Jefferson county, where her people followed farming. Her brother, Tom Gray, was at one time sheriff of Jefferson county, being elected on the democratic ticket.

Robert E. Davis completed his education in a high school of St. Louis and entered business life as an employe of the R. M. Fry Lumber Company of that city, with which he remained for two years. He afterward acted as lumber inspector for the R. Ring Lumber Company of Marion, Illinois, for two years and in 1905 turned his attention to merchandising on his own account, in which he continued until 1907. In that year he entered the automobile business, conducting a first-class garage until 1929. He has been active in public life since 1932, when he was appointed district appraiser of the Federal Home Loan by W. W. Arnold and Senator William H. Dieterich. His activity in behalf of the democratic party has been continuous since he attained his majority and for the past twelve years he has been a member of the Jefferson county central committee, serving as its chairman from 1928 until 1930 and since that time as

chairman of the executive committee of patronage. He brings the same acumen and interest to his political work that he applies to business affairs and seems to possess notable insight into the possibilities and opportunities for political organization and the attainment of political successes. For the past decade he has served as a delegate to all the state conventions and in 1932 he attended the national convention in Chicago. He has likewise been a delegate to many congressional and judicial conventions and he is a man of influence in party ranks. He saw the culmination of his hopes in the 1932 campaign when in March following he attended the inauguration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. His political service also includes four years as alderman of Mount Vernon, and in 1930 he managed Dr. H. M. Swift's campaign for mayor, winning success for his candidate at that time. In 1928 he managed the campaign for the democratic candidates for circuit judges of this circuit and he has left no stone unturned in winning victory for democratic principles. He belongs to the Jeffersonian Club and also to the Young People's Democratic Club of Jefferson county.

In 1905 Mr. Davis was married to Nellie Davis, a daughter of W. A. and Nancy (Davis) Davis. While three families are thus connected, there is no blood relationship between them. W. A. Davis belongs to a prominent democratic family of Jefferson county and served as circuit clerk for four years through election on the party ticket. He was also supervisor of his township for many years and three of his sons are now township supervisors and members of the democratic central committee. W. A. Davis died in 1902 and his wife in 1890. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Davis are: Dorothy, who is a graduate of Hardin College of Mexico, Missouri, and is now teaching school; Evelyn Chase, who is a graduate of Stephens College of Columbia, Missouri, and is now teaching expression; and Robert C., who is a graduate of the University of Kentucky at Lexington, having received the D. D. S. degree in June, 1934. The three children are members of the Young People's Democratic Club of Jefferson county and Mrs. Davis has also been active in democratic politics since 1922 and is a member of the Women's Democratic Club of Jefferson county. Mr. Davis manifests his interest in the welfare and progress of his community through active association with the Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Rotary Club and stands loyally for its progressive principles, while fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and in Masonry has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite.

EDWARD F. LANGER

Among the commercial enterprises which feature most largely in the business activity of Kampsville is the lumber, feed and grain trade carried on by Edward F. Langer, who is also receiver for the Bank of Hamburg. He has never allowed business affairs, however, to so thoroughly monopolize his time as to exclude active participation in matters of civic importance and he is now taking a helpful interest in democratic politics. He has always lived in Illinois, his birth having occurred at Eldred, Green county, February 9, 1898. His father, John Langer, a native of Ramsau, Austria, was born May 17, 1873, and came to the United States when eighteen years of age, seeking the opportunities of the new world. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to cross the Atlantic, for in Illinois he has made steady progress along business lines, giving his attention to banking, to the lumber and grain trade and to farming. For the past thirty-one years he has thus been active in affairs in Greene county and he now makes his home in Eldred. In politics he is a staunch democrat. He married Christina Golddy, who was born in Carrollton, Greene county, Illinois.

The public school system of Greene county afforded Edward F. Langer his educational opportunities up to the time when, having graduated from the high school at Carrollton with the class of 1916, he entered Illinois College at Jacksonville, there remaining a student in 1918. Since that time he has been associated with his father as a dealer in lumber, feed and grain and the business has been

developed to substantial and gratifying proportions. He now has charge of the interests at Kampsville, which are conducted under the firm name of John Langer & Sons, and he is also associated with financial interests in the county through his appointment on the 11th of February, 1932, to the position of receiver for the Bank of Hamburg. He likewise owns individually an apple orchard of twenty-five hundred trees and feels a justifiable pride in this project, which he has developed to a high point of success.

On the 27th of December, 1922, Mr. Langer was united in marriage to Miss Lucile Ritter and they have two children, Enid Evelyn and John Edward. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church. In matters of citizenship Mr. Langer has never been remiss and for the past ten years has taken an active interest in politics as a democratic supporter. In 1930 he was elected precinct committeeman and he also served as secretary of the Calhoun county democratic central committee from 1930 until 1934, having been re-elected in 1932. He was made a delegate to the state conventions of his party in 1930 and in 1932 and he cooperates in all legitimate projects toward developing party strength and winning successes for its candidates. He is alert and energetic, ready for any emergency and any opportunity, whether in business or political life, and is accounted one of the representative residents of his part of the state.

MRS. IVORY BUNCH

Mrs. Ivory Bunch, serving as postmaster at McClure, Alexander county, was born in Cobden, Union county, Illinois, October 19, 1890, a daughter of Lon W. and Mary (Ryan) Miles. Her father was considered one of the most ardent republicans in Alexander county, doing everything in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the party, in the principles of which he so firmly believed.

Ivory Miles spent her early womanhood as a saleslady in various mercantile stores. On the 29th of May, 1912, in Jonesboro, Illinois, she became the wife of Raymond Bunch and they now have four children: Mary, Nellie, Dorothy and Frances. For a time Mr. and Mrs. Bunch resided in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where they conducted a cafe from 1930 until 1932. Since then they have come to McClure, Illinois, where on the 8th of March, 1933, Mrs. Bunch was appointed postmaster and is now filling the office. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has many friends here, possessing various sterling traits of character which have gained her the warm regard and good will of those with whom she has come in contact.

JAMES K. CAVANAUGH

* James K. Cavanaugh, an attorney of Freeport, with offices in the State Bank building, has engaged in the practice of law here since July, 1933, and in the comparatively brief period of a year and a half he has gained a creditable position as a representative of the Stephenson county bar. He was born in Freeport, Illinois, September 28, 1903, his parents being William and Elizabeth Cavanaugh. While under the parental roof he attended a parochial school of Chicago and also the Waller high school of that city, from which he was graduated with the class of 1923. He next entered De Paul University, where he pursued both a literary and law course, winning the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws in 1930. He then opened an office in Chicago, where he remained until June, 1933, when he came to Freeport, establishing his office here on the 6th of July. He has since remained in Freeport and his progress has been very gratifying as he has demonstrated his ability to cope with and find correct solution for intricate and involved legal problems.

On the 12th of October, 1933, Mr. Cavanaugh was united in marriage to Miss Emma Mary Wilson. His college fraternity is the Phi Kappa Alpha. He is a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church and politically he has always been a staunch democrat. He was active in campaign work in 1932 in his ward in Chicago and he is on the speakers' list of Stephenson county for the fall cam-



MRS. IVORY BUNCH

paign of 1934. He is a clear thinker, a logical reasoner and presents his cause in forceful and entertaining manner, so that his opinions carry conviction to the minds of his hearers.

WILLIAM DELENEY

After an active and intelligently directed business life, resulting in the acquirement of substantial success, William Deleney is now living retired, making his home in Paris. He is a native son of Edgar county, Illinois, born June 6, 1871, his parents being William and Mary (Isley) Deleney. The father was a native of Indiana and came to Edgar county in 1866, at which time he settled on a farm in Paris township, where he and his wife lived until called to their final home. William Deleney, Sr., was a staunch advocate of democratic principles and always supported the entire ticket.

Mr. Deleney of this review obtained his education in the public schools of Paris township and was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and harvesting the crops. He remained on his father's farm until twenty-three years of age, when he began farming on his own account and at the same time bought and sold live stock. In both lines of business he was active until 1925, when he removed to the city of Paris, where he continued to deal in live stock until 1932. His business interests have always been carefully managed and the spirit of enterprise has guided him in everything that he has undertaken. At length his well directed efforts brought to him a very substantial return and with a comfortable competence for old age he retired from active business.

In 1895 Mr. Deleney was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hoan, a native of Indiana, and they are the parents of a son, Henry P., who resides in California. Mr. Deleney belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Christian Church, and in these associations are indicated the rules that govern his conduct and that command for him the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact. He has long been active in democratic politics, and while he has never served as a committeeman or sought or desired public office, he has ever been a liberal contributor to the party and has consistently supported its principles.

THOMAS D. MEEHAN

Thomas D. Meehan, an enterprising merchant of Venice, where he is conducting a grocery store, has been a democrat all his life and in 1932 was elected a member of the levee board. He was born in East St. Louis, St. Clair county, Illinois, February 12, 1895, and is a son of Cornelius and Elizabeth Meehan, the latter a native of Montgomery county, this state. The father was born in Alton and is a grocer of East St. Louis. In politics he is a democrat and has been active in party affairs. Since 1910 he has been a member of the East St. Louis police force and is now a sergeant.

The parochial schools of his native city accorded Thomas D. Meehan his early educational privileges. He afterward attended the high school of East St. Louis and then entered his father's grocery store, where he acted as assistant for three years. From 1911 until 1916 he worked at various places as a grocery salesman and then removed to Venice, where he established a grocery store of his own in 1918, conducting it independently for about two years. In 1922 and 1923 he conducted a store for the Tri City Grocery Company and in 1924 he formed a partnership with a cousin and opened a store at Nos. 1104-06 Logan street in North Venice. The success of this undertaking led them to branch out and in 1929 they opened a second store at 222 Broadway in Venice. Both business enterprises have prospered as the years have passed, owing to the careful management and business foresight of the owners.

On the 2d of June, 1917, Mr. Meehan was married to Miss Amelia Decker, of Venice, and they have five children: Rosemary; Kathleen and Eileen, twins; Thomas; and Robert. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic

Church and Mr. Meehan is connected with the Knights of Columbus. He has taken an active part in relief work and is interested in all that tends to assist or benefit his fellowmen. In politics he has always been a consistent democrat, active in the party, and in 1928 he was the unsuccessful candidate for the levee board. Four years later he was again made the nominee for that office and was elected, being the only member of the board from Madison county. In this capacity he is rendering a valuable service, bringing to his duties as an official the same sound judgment which characterizes his business affairs. He was a delegate to the judicial convention at Vandalia which nominated Norman L. Jones for the supreme court bench. He never hesitates to support his honest convictions and has firm faith in the ultimate triumph of democratic principles.

JAMES F. RYAN

Among Freeport's stalwart democrats is numbered James F. Ryan, who is now serving as field auditor for the retailers' occupation tax. Born in Chicago, December 19, 1910, he completed his public school education by a three years' course in the high school at Seward, Illinois. Soon afterward he came to Freeport and took his senior-year high school work in this city, being graduated with the class of 1930. He next attended the College of Commerce at Freeport for eighteen months and subsequently spent two years in the employ of the W. T. Raleigh Company of Freeport. He has filled public office since May 1, 1934, at which date he was appointed field auditor of the retailers' occupation tax of the division of finance. His territory covers nine counties in the northeastern part of the state and he is doing an excellent service in this connection.

Mr. Ryan is recognized as an earnest and forceful party worker and democracy has greatly benefited by his efforts here. He was elected precinct committeeman of the seventh precinct of the second ward of Freeport in April, 1934, and in the same year was elected chairman of the Stephenson County Young Men's Democratic League. He was likewise made a delegate to the democratic state convention in Springfield in 1934 and he is justly accounted one of the strong and stalwart advocates of party principles.

THOMAS F. COONAN

Thomas F. Coonan, of East St. Louis, is serving for the fourteenth year as a member of the democratic central committee of St. Clair county, representing the twenty-second precinct, and because of his activity along party lines is well entitled to prominent representation with the Illinois Democracy. He was born March 7, 1897, in the city in which he still makes his home. His father, Walter Coonan, was a native of County Mayo, Ireland, and in his boyhood came to the United States. Taking up general contracting work, he built several bridges for the O'Fallon Railway and did other important public work around East St. Louis. He was very active in democratic circles and served on the state central committee, while in 1904 he was a delegate to the democratic national convention at St. Louis which nominated Alton B. Parker for the presidency. He died in 1918. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Molly A. Joyce, was also a native of Ireland, where her people were owners of land in Galway county that has been held by the family from the tenth century and was known as Joyce Country.

Thomas F. Coonan attended the public and parochial schools of East St. Louis and afterward entered St. Louis University, from which he was graduated in 1926 with the B. C. S. degree. In the meantime he had seen active military service, for in August, 1918, entered Northwestern University for training. He then went to Camp Vail, New Jersey, with the Signal Corps and he was discharged in February, 1919, as a sergeant. He has been identified with the American Legion since its organization and was sent as a delegate to its state convention in Rockford in 1933.

With his return from military service Mr. Coonan resumed his education, attending evening classes, and during the period of his early manhood was em-

played by various firms. In 1929 he became assistant county auditor, serving in that capacity for two years, and in January, 1931, he was appointed chief clerk of the board of election commissioners of East St. Louis. He had been active in political life since before his majority and has never wavered in the firm support which he has given to the democratic party. He has worked during all of the various campaigns in order to win successes for democratic candidates and he has done excellent work during his fourteen years as a member of the democratic county committee from the twenty-second precinct. Frequently he has been chosen to serve as a delegate in the city, judicial and state conventions and his word carries weight in party councils.

In 1925 Mr. Coonan married Miss Mary Sweeney, of East St. Louis, who passed away in October, 1932. Just a year before his only daughter, Marie Jean, by his first marriage, passed away November 3, 1931. In June, 1933, Mr. Coonan was again married, his second union being with Grace Gillespie, of East St. Louis, by whom he has a daughter, Therese Celine. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic Church and Mrs. Coonan is quite active in church circles. Mr. Coonan belongs to the Knights of Columbus, of which for six years he has served as recording secretary, and he also has membership with the Optimist Club.

WALTER D. SPRINGER

Among Rockford's representative citizens is numbered Walter D. Springer, who is manager of the Illinois State Employment Service. His entire life has been passed in Illinois, his birth having occurred in Amboy, Lee county, May 3, 1892. His parents, David and Carrie (Post) Springer, were also natives of Lee county, their people having settled there in 1840 when the county was largely an undeveloped district. The maternal grandfather of our subject was a Methodist Episcopal minister who rode the circuit, and the grandfather of Mrs. Springer was William Post, who served with the Illinois Volunteer Infantry in the Civil war. David Springer and his brothers were also Union veterans, having joined the infantry troops from Illinois at the time of the hostilities between the north and the south. David Springer followed the occupation of farming as a life work and he always voted with the democratic party, being a staunch advocate of its principles. He died in 1921 and is still survived by his wife.

The grade and high schools of Amboy afforded Walter D. Springer his educational opportunities, and in 1918, true to the military spirit and record of his ancestors, he enlisted in the Thirty-sixth Engineers for service in the World war and was overseas for twelve months, receiving his discharge as a sergeant on Long Island, New York, in June, 1919, by reason of the termination of the war. Returning to his native state, he entered the lumber and building material business in Chicago, where he remained until 1930, when he came to Rockford, where he has since resided. On the 1st of March, 1933, he was appointed manager of the Illinois State Employment Service in this city, which is his present position. He has been active in democratic politics since becoming of age and has always worked with the county central committee in support of the entire ticket. In 1932 he organized the Illinois Veterans League of Winnebago county and is its chairman. He belongs to the Young Men's Democratic Club of Winnebago county and he attended the state convention of 1932. His interest in the party is that of a public-spirited citizen who recognizes the duties and obligations that devolve upon every fair-minded American to support the principles in which he believes, feeling that they contain the best elements of good government.

In 1917 Mr. Springer was united in marriage to Miss Hazel Erb, daughter of John and Hanna (Ogren) Erb. Her father, a native of Illinois came of a pioneer democratic family of this state. Her mother, who was born in Sweden was brought to Illinois by her parents when two years of age. Mrs. Springer is a staunch democrat in politics. Mr. Springer is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and he and his wife are in full accord on political questions, doing their share in promoting the party growth and development.

H. SIMON HENRY

H. Simon Henry, a retired business man whose interest in progressive citizenship is manifest in his active support of the democratic party, makes his home at 503 West Union avenue in Edwardsville. He was born in Collinsville, Madison county, Illinois, his natal day being March 8, 1875. His father, Henry Henry, a native of Ireland, came to the United States at the age of twenty-two years and became a coal miner. He voted with the democratic party and was one of its earnest workers in local party ranks. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Malinda Jarvis, was born in Illinois.

When H. Simon Henry was a youth of seven summers the family removed to Edwardsville, where he attended the public schools to the age of twelve. He then began to provide for his own support by working on a farm and later was employed in a coal mine. In 1897 he entered the retail liquor business at Glen Carbon, Illinois, where he remained until 1910, when he was elected sheriff of Madison county, serving in that capacity for a term of four years. There is a law whereby a sheriff cannot be re-elected for a successive term and so in 1914 Mr. Henry again engaged in the retail liquor business in Edwardsville, continuing in that line until the enactment of the prohibition law, when he established a grocery and meat market, which he conducted successfully in Edwardsville until about five years ago. He then felt his capital was sufficient to enable him to live retired and he put aside further business cares, so that in the intervening period he has been enjoying a well earned rest. All through the years of his manhood Mr. Henry has been a stalwart democrat, doing everything in his power to further the interests of his party. He served for several years as a member of the Madison county central committee from Glen Carbon and for a decade he was treasurer of that village. In 1918 he was made the party candidate for sheriff but was defeated in the general election. He has been a delegate to practically all of the state conventions and served as sergeant at arms in the democratic national convention held in Baltimore in 1912, while in 1916 he had charge of the headquarters of the Illinois delegation at the St. Louis convention.

In 1900 Mr. Henry was married to Miss Ann Jenkins, of Troy, Illinois, and they have four children: Della, who is Mrs. Robert Dunlap, of Edwardsville; Vera, the wife of Ed F. Long, of Edwardsville; Rose Ann, who is Mrs. Wesley Lueders and lives in Granite City; and Iola, at home.

Since 1930 Mrs. Henry has taken quite an active part in the ladies' political organizations and is now chairman of the Madison County Democratic Women's Club. She, too, has attended county and state conventions as a delegate and, like her husband, keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. Both Mr. and Mrs. Henry are members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and fraternally Mr. Henry is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His entire life has been passed in Madison county and he has a wide acquaintance and exerts a strong influence for good in matters relative to the welfare and upbuilding of the community.

BRADLEY J. KNIGHT

Bradley J. Knight is the senior partner of the firm of Knight & Lupton, well known members of the Rockford bar, and he is also widely known because of his stalwart support of democracy. Born in Ogle county, Illinois, August 17, 1887, he is a son of Bradley J. and Mary A. Knight. The father was also a native of Ogle county, where his people settled in 1842. They came from Herkimer county, New York, and established their home in Illinois in pioneer times, the father here following the occupation of farming. His wife's people were from Vermont and on removing westward settled first in Wisconsin, coming thence to Illinois in 1844, at which time they, too, established a home in Ogle county.

After attending the graded schools of his native county Bradley J. Knight continued his education in the Rochelle high school. He had been reared to the occupation of farming, which he then followed for three years, but believing

that he would prefer a professional career, he decided to prepare for the bar and entered the College of Law of the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1910 with the LL. B. degree. Coming to Rockford, he began practice in his present office at 419 West State street and is now senior partner of the firm of Knight & Lupton. From the beginning he has made substantial progress in his chosen calling and is today accorded a liberal clientele, while his ability is shown in the many favorable verdicts which he has won in the courts of the county and state.

Since 1930 Mr. Knight has been active in democratic politics, taking a helpful part in the campaign work of that year and again in 1932. In the spring campaign of 1934 he was a candidate for the nomination for congress and was defeated by less than three hundred votes. He then stumped the twelfth congressional district for the successful candidate, C. H. Smith. Mr. Knight was a delegate to the democratic state convention. He also attended the judicial convention of the same year and he is now acting as manager of the campaign of C. H. Smith for congress. He is also serving on the executive committee of the Winnebago county central committee and his work is regarded as an effective force in winning democratic successes.

On the 14th of August, 1913, Mr. Knight was united in marriage to Miss Grace E. King, a daughter of J. E. and Nellie N. (Oakes) King. Her grandfather, W. D. Oakes, was one of only three democrats who lived in his township at one time. In later years her father has given his support to the democratic party. Mrs. Knight is very active in democratic circles and is president of the Illinois Women's Voters League of Winnebago county and a member of the Winnebago County Women's Democratic Club. She received liberal educational opportunities, being a graduate of the Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children. Jane, who is a graduate of the Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio, is now the wife of Charles Leeds, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Louise. Elizabeth Ann and John J. are attending Maryville College at Maryville, Tennessee. Adeline is a high school pupil, and George Litch, who completes the family, is pursuing the work of the grade schools. Both Mr. and Mrs. Knight are members of the First Presbyterian Church and fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Rockford Lodge, No. 166, A. F. & A. M., and also to Lodge No. 64 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Rockford. His interest in community welfare is shown in his membership in the Chamber of Commerce, and along strictly professional lines he is connected with the Winnebago County and Illinois State Bar Associations. He is actuated by high ideals of service in connection with every organization with which he is identified and his belief in a measure always secures from him adequate and valuable support. The practice of law, however, is his real life work and in that field is making steady advancement.

ROBERT COLLYER BOURLAND, M. D.

Dr. Robert Collyer Bourland, one of the leading physicians of Rockford who is accorded an extensive practice by reason of his marked ability and his employment of the most modern and scientific methods of medical and surgical science, was born in Peoria, Illinois, June 5, 1876, a son of Benjamin L. T. and Clara (Parsons) Bourland. He attended the grammar and high schools of his native city, and during his boyhood spent three years in France and Germany, in which countries a part of his education was acquired. After completing the high school course in Peoria he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, winning the Bachelor of Science degree at his graduation with the class of 1897. While there he was very active in athletics and was the manager of the track team. After completing the classical course he concentrated his attention upon the study of medicine there and received his professional degree in 1899. He put his theoretical knowledge to the practical test by serving as interne in

the University of Michigan Hospital for six months and he taught anatomy there for three years except for the summer of 1900, when he went abroad, taking postgraduate work in Vienna. In January, 1903, he came to Rockford, Illinois, where he has since engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery. He is now on the staff of the Rockford Hospital and he belongs to the Winnebago County Medical Society, of which he has been president and secretary, to the Illinois State Medical Society and to the American Medical Association. By broad reading and study he keeps in touch with the latest advances made by the profession and employs the knowledge thereby gained to alleviate human suffering, his efforts being followed by splendid results.

On the 10th of October, 1908, Dr. Bourland was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Mary Stimson and their family numbers two daughters and a son. Clara Elizabeth Parsons, who is the wife of Richard Henry Hecker of Detroit, Michigan, has one child, Elizabeth Bourland Hecker. Rebecca attended the Moser Business College of Chicago. Both are graduates of the Keith Country Day School of Rockford, the University of Michigan and Lausanne Chateau Brillant Mont, where they specialized in French. The son, Robert Collyer, Jr., is a graduate of the Keith Country Day School of Rockford and is now in his second year in the University of Michigan Law School.

Dr. Bourland is a member of the Alpha Delta Phi, a literary fraternity, and of the Nu Sigma Nu, a medical fraternity. He is now serving as vice chairman of the board of the sanitary district of Winnebago county and the nature of his interests and activities is further shown in his connection with the National Rifle Association, the Rockford University Club and the University Club of Chicago. He is a colonel of the Officers Reserve Military Surgeons Association, having served for eight months on the Mexican border with the Illinois Infantry in 1916, while during the World war he acted as chairman of the draft board of Winnebago county. The Doctor is a life member of the Michigan Union, composed of University of Michigan men. The family holds membership in the Rockford Country Club. He is a man of well-rounded character, interested in everything that has to do with the welfare and progress of community, commonwealth and country. Dr. Bourland has been a stalwart supporter of the democratic party since attaining his majority and was a delegate to the state convention of 1934 in Springfield.

EDWARD J. ZIENER

Edward J. Ziener, of Rockford, who is now license superintendent of the Rockford district, with supervision over eighteen counties, received his appointment from Governor Horner in 1933. This indicates his close association with democracy in Illinois. He has been an active party worker since attaining his majority and his labors have been an effective force in promoting party interests. Mr. Ziener is a native of Quincy, Adams county, Illinois, his birth having there occurred May 26, 1899. He is a son of Nicholas and Louise (Schoknecht) Ziener, both of whom were of German descent. His grandparents in the maternal line were born in Germany, whence they came to the United States. Mr. Schoknecht joined the army during the Civil war, becoming a member of a Missouri infantry regiment, and his death resulted from injuries sustained in battle. Leonard Ziener, the grandfather of Edward J. Ziener in the paternal line, was born in Germany, and crossing the Atlantic to the new world, settled in Quincy, Illinois, in the early '30s. He became a very active democrat in politics, giving unflinching allegiance to the party. His son, Nicholas Ziener, was born in Quincy and became engaged in the hardware and sheet metal business in that city, where he remained until 1912, when he removed to Rockford, where he established a hardware store which he conducted until his death in January, 1934. He, too, voted the democratic ticket and gave stalwart support to the party. While in Adams county he attended the state, congressional and judicial conventions and he also attended the national convention in Chicago in 1896. In that year he was most active in

the campaign work and he always supported the entire ticket. His widow survives and is yet a resident of Rockford.

Edward J. Ziener was a youth of thirteen years when the family came to this city and here he continued his education in the parochial schools. When he had completed his course he entered the employ of the Chicago & North Western Railway as chief clerk in the local office and there remained until 1924, when he turned his attention to the investment banking business, in which he engaged until 1929. In that year he became manager for an insurance company and acted in that capacity until 1933, when he was appointed license superintendent of the Rockford district, which comprises eighteen counties, this being one of the appointments made by the governor. Since of age he has been a zealous follower of democratic principles and in 1932 and again in 1934 was elected committeeman of the ninth precinct of the fourth ward. In the same years he was a delegate to the state convention and in 1932 attended the national convention in Chicago. He also attended the congressional and judicial conventions and he has served as chairman of the executive committee of the Winnebago county central committee. He was active in the organization of the Young Democrats Club, in which he still holds membership. His work has been intelligently and effectively directed and he is recognized as one of the foremost leaders of the party in his section of the state. Thus for the third generation the Ziener family has contributed in substantial measure to the interests of democracy in Illinois.

Edward J. Ziener is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He is also connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and his social nature finds expression in his membership in the Mauw-Nah-Tee-See Country Club, where his pleasing qualities have made him popular, gaining him many friends.

JOHN D. WATERMAN

Among the outstanding representatives of the democratic party in northern Illinois is John D. Waterman, of Rockford, who is also widely known by reason of his banking connection and by his activities in many fields which lead to public progress and improvement. Mr. Waterman was born in Otsego county, New York, December 27, 1846, a son of Hamilton and Mary (Utter) Waterman, who were representatives of one of the pioneer families of Otsego county, where Hamilton Waterman conducted a general store throughout his active business life. In politics he was a staunch democrat, giving unfaltering support to the principles and candidates of the party.

John D. Waterman attended the public schools until sixteen years of age and then engaged in clerking in a country store until he reached the age of seventeen. During the last year of the Civil war he enlisted for service in the United States Navy. In 1864 he was a student in a commercial school and learned telegraphy, which he afterward followed for some years. He then came to Rockford and obtained a situation in a farm implement store, being thus employed for ten years. In 1885 he was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland and occupied the position until 1888. Two years later, or in 1890, he organized the Forest City National Bank, of which he became president, so continuing until 1920, since which time he has been chairman of its board of directors. The success and growth of the institution is attributable in large measure to his efforts, his sound judgment and comprehensive knowledge of the banking business. In 1893 he was again appointed postmaster under President Cleveland, who was then serving for a second term. In 1895 Mr. Waterman organized the Morning Star, a Rockford newspaper, and was chairman of the board of directors for eighteen years, at the end of which time it was sold to the McCormick interests. It was published as a democratic paper while he was connected with it.

Mr. Waterman has long been actively interested in democratic politics and

has been identified with every movement, statewide or otherwise, that has had for its purpose the advancement of the democratic cause in Illinois, taking a helpful part in the work even before becoming a voter. He was particularly active in the election of Grover Cleveland in 1884 and again in 1892, and he organized the Cleveland and Hendricks Club, of which he was the secretary and treasurer. He has attended many judicial, congressional and state conventions and was a delegate to the democratic national convention which met in Houston, Texas, in 1928 and to the convention that nominated Cleveland in 1892. For ten years he was the efficient chairman of the old Tenth Congressional District Democratic Organization. He recognizes fully the value of systematically organizing the party strength and his labors in directing democratic forces have been most effective and far-reaching. In fact he is considered the dean of Winnebago county democracy and carried on the fight when there were but from ten to twenty democratic votes in the county.

In 1871 Mr. Waterman was united in marriage to Miss Emma Wolford, who died in 1914 after a happy married life covering forty-three years. He proudly wears the little bronze button that proclaims him a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and he belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to the Chamber of Commerce and to the Rockford Country Club. He likewise has membership in the Bankers Association and was president for his district. His personal qualities and strongly developed characteristics are such as have won him the love and confidence of his fellowmen and his advice has long and frequently been sought by those who know him in northern Illinois. He has been identified with every civic movement for the public good in city, county and commonwealth, his aid and influence always being given on the side of progress and right.

FRED W. SCHILT

Fred W. Schilt, well-known lumberman of Olney, Richland county, Illinois, has been a most enthusiastic and prominent worker for the democratic party since he became of age, and has served in public office with eminent credit to himself. He was born in Richland county March 1, 1868, and is a son of Christian and Barbara (Schilt) Schilt.

Although his mother and father had the same family name, and both were born in Canton Berne, Switzerland, they were not related. Both, however, came to the United States in 1852. Fred W. Schilt's paternal grandfather, John, was a member of the Swiss congress when he left for America, and had he remained in the old country he was to have been made president of the Republic of Switzerland. The family settled in Richland county, Illinois, and Christian Schilt engaged in farming here during his life, his death having occurred in 1890. He was a democrat of the first rank. His widow survived him until 1914.

Fred W. Schilt received his education in the country schools of his native county, then followed stock raising and farming until 1904, in which year he was first elected county treasurer. He was the incumbent from 1904 until 1908, and in the latter year returned to his farming activities. However, in 1912 he was again called to the treasurer's office by the voters and served until 1916. His record in this responsible county office is one of which he may be justly proud, for his regime was one of real efficiency. Mr. Schilt went into the lumber business after leaving the court house, and now operates three modern sawmills in this section,—a successful business in every sense of the term. For nearly twenty years Mr. Schilt served on the democratic central committee of Richland county. In 1904 he was elected chairman of that body for two years, and in April, 1934, he was re-elected to that post. Since 1900 he has attended nearly all of the state conventions, and all the Congressional and judicial conventions. He was at the national convention in St. Louis in 1916, and has stumped the county in many campaigns for the whole ticket. Mr. Schilt is a member of the Jeffersonian Club.

In 1889 Mr. Schilt took as his wife Miss Anna C. Jorris, a daughter of



MR. and MRS. FRED W. SCHILT

Peter and Aletta (Merman) Jorris, the father having been a minister in the Reformed Church. Mr. and Mrs. Schilt have become the parents of the following children: Verna May, who is the wife of W. C. Beekman, professor in the Mission House in Sheboygan, Wisconsin; Captain Frank, who attended Rose Polytechnic College in Terre Haute, Indiana, and was three years overseas during the war, with the United States Marines and the Aviation Corps; Esther, a graduate nurse now at the Memorial Hospital in Sheboygan, Wisconsin; and Foster, who graduated from Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, and is at this writing assistant to the chief engineer of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. Schilt is a member of the Reformed Church, and his fraternal affiliation is with the Benevolent and Protected Order of Elks.

CAPTAIN CHRISTIAN FRANKLYN SCHILT

Among the native sons of Olney of whom the city is justly proud is numbered Captain Christian Franklyn Schilt, who has recently been promoted to a captaincy of Marines. He was born in Olney, March 18, 1895, and was graduated from the high school of this city, after which he had the benefit of three years' instruction in the Rose Polytechnic Institute of Terre Haute, Indiana.

On the 11th of September, 1929, Captain Schilt was married to Miss Elizabeth Weber, a daughter of Dr. George T. Weber, and they have two children, Martha Ann and Alice Elizabeth.

Recently Captain Schilt won promotion from the rank of first lieutenant in the Marines to that of captain, being one of eighty-nine to be so honored, the president's approval of the recommendation of the Marine Corps Selection Board being given over the radio from the U. S. S. Houston, now in the Pacific. Writing of his career, a local paper said, under date of July 27, 1934:

"Captain Schilt of Olney, Illinois, has made an outstanding reputation in the Marine Flying Corps. Obtaining his early training at Paris Island, North Carolina, during the World war, he became the hero of the Nicaraguan engagements against Sandino when he saved a number of ambushed Marines in the Nicaraguan hills by skillful and dangerous flying through the Sandino men to remove the Marines to safety. For this he was given the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Coolidge. He later inaugurated the Pan-American Air Lines, flying the route from Miami to Managua, Nicaragua. Since that time he has been stationed at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at Quantico, Virginia, and at the Army Air Corps Technical School at Montgomery, Alabama, where he completed a course this summer."

JOHN S. NEILL

Among the public officials of Bureau county is numbered John S. Neill, of Lamoille, who is serving as supervising highway patrolman. This county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred at Arlington, January 9, 1881, his parents being William H. and Margaret (Conkley) Neill, both of whom are now deceased. They spent the greater part of their lives in Bureau county, where the father devoted his time and attention to general farming. He was an active and faithful follower of democracy but he never sought or desired office as a return for party fealty.

John S. Neill pursued his education in the public schools of Bureau county, his time in his youthful days being divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields, for he was reared to the occupation of farming, which he followed on the old homestead until February, 1933, at which date he became supervising highway maintenance patrolman. His official duties now claim the major part of his time and attention, for he has closely studied his work and his responsibilities and is fully meeting every requirement of his office. He has been known as an active democrat since attaining his majority and has firm faith in the party principles.

In 1906 Mr. Neill was united in marriage to Miss Grace Malcolm and they

are the parents of three children: Glendine, Kathleen and William H. Mr. and Mrs. Neill hold membership in the Presbyterian Church and they make their home in Lamoille, where they have an extensive circle of warm friends.

CHARLES P. KANE

Among the able and successful members of the Illinois bar is Charles P. Kane, of Bloomington, who began the general practice of his profession in this city in 1914. He served as chairman of the McLean county democratic committee from 1920 until 1928 and for four years thereafter represented his district in the state legislature. Mr. Kane was born in Lexington, McLean county, Illinois, March 17, 1891, his parents being Patrick and Marie (Killion) Kane, natives of Ireland. The father is a farmer by occupation and a democrat in his political views.

Charles P. Kane attended the grammar and high schools of Lexington in the acquirement of an education and subsequently taught school in McLean county for three years. He next entered the College of Law of Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of LL. B. in 1914, being admitted to the Illinois bar the same year. He began the work of his chosen profession in Bloomington, where he thus remained active until 1918, when he entered the United States Army, serving with the field artillery at Camp Wheeler and Camp Taylor, Kentucky, until discharged with the rank of lieutenant. A member of the American Legion, he was the first commander of Louis E. Davis Post at Bloomington. When the World war had ended, Mr. Kane resumed the general practice of law in Bloomington, where he has maintained an office to the present time and has been accorded an enviable clientele. He is now attorney for the Home Owners Loan Corporation and is highly esteemed among his fellow members of the McLean County Bar Association. He is also a member of Phi Delta Phi. Aside from his professional activities he has figured prominently in public affairs. As above stated, he was chairman of the McLean county democratic committee for eight years, from 1920 to 1928, and during the succeeding four years represented his district in the state legislature, rendering important service to his constituents as a member of the committees on judiciary, military affairs and agriculture. At this writing he is a candidate for the office of county judge.

In 1922 Mr. Kane was united in marriage to Bess E. Springer, of Stanford, Illinois, and they are the parents of two daughters, Betty Lou and Mary. Mrs. Kane has been very active in political affairs and is now secretary of the Democratic Women's Club of McLean county. Fraternally Mr. Kane is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus, having attained the fourth degree in the latter organization.

LEE WORLEY

With all the activities which have contributed to the upbuilding and improvement of Elmwood in the last quarter of a century Lee Worley has been closely identified. He has been numbered among the representative business men here and has also been a public official, serving at the present time as one of the city alderman. He is likewise the custodian of the gymnasium of Elmwood. Born in Fulton county, Illinois, March 18, 1884, he is a son of W. O. and Sarah (Robertson) Worley, the latter a representative of one of the old pioneer families of Fulton county.

Lee Worley acquired his education in the public schools of his native county and then became a brakeman on the railroad, serving in that connection for a number of years, but eventually he suffered the loss of an arm. It was this that caused him to take up the painting business, which he followed for twenty-four years as a contractor. For the last four years he has been custodian of the gymnasium of Elmwood.

Mr. Worley married Mrs. Alberta (Howell) Hiteheock and they are the parents of a son, Woodrow. Mr. Worley has three stepchildren; Clyde, Jesse

and Roland. He is an active democrat and is now serving as precinct committeeman, so that he is doing helpful work for the party. He is also serving as alderman and is thus aiding in shaping municipal interests. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and he holds membership in the Presbyterian Church. His has been a busy and useful life and he has the respect and goodwill of all who know him.

FLOYD J. HILL

Floyd J. Hill, the able editor of the Princeville Telephone, Princeville, Illinois, was born in Pekin, Illinois, August 15, 1902, a son of Charles and Mary (Bennett) Hill, both of whom were natives of Peoria county. The Hills were originally of Pennsylvania, while the Bennetts came from the state of New York. In the family of Charles and Mary Hill were two sons, Floyd J. and Leo P. The latter served overseas in the World war as a member of the One Hundred Twenty-fourth Field Artillery, Thirty-third Division.

Floyd J. Hill attended the grade schools and later pursued a high school course in Princeville, after which he engaged in the grocery business for a time. For twelve years he has been connected with newspaper publication and for a number of years has ably served as editor of the Princeville Telephone, making this one of the attractive journals of central Illinois. In his editorials he discusses clearly, concisely and convincingly many vital questions of the day, and at all times he is a stalwart champion of the democratic party. He has served as town clerk and as precinct committeeman and is one of the four vice chairmen of the Peoria county central committee of the democratic party. He is likewise serving on the executive committee of the county organization and he belongs to the Junior Jeffersonians, being a member of its board of directors. He has also served as village clerk, member of the Princeville public library board and president of the Princeville High School Alumni Association. On March 1, 1930, Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Mrs. Theolinda (Harrison) Cullen, of Princeville, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrison. By her first marriage Mrs. Hill has two children, Franklin and Colleen. Mr. Hill is widely known and has many of those qualities which make for popularity and warm friendships.

HENRY SWANSON

Henry Swanson, who was appointed postmaster at Geneva, Illinois, on January 1, 1935, and who formerly occupied the position of disciplinarian at the St. Charles School for Boys, was born in Geneva, Illinois, March 6, 1882, being a son of Solomon and Lena (Anderson) Swanson, both of whom were natives of Sweden. They were married, however, in Geneva, Illinois, where the father was engaged in the plastering business. He had arrived there in 1867, spent the greater part of his life in that city and passed away in March, 1912, while the death of his wife occurred February 9, 1892.

Henry Swanson is the only surviving member of a family of seven children born to his parents. At the usual age he entered the public schools of Geneva and mastered the work in consecutive grades until he put aside his textbooks in order to provide for his own support. For a time he engaged in clerking and at the age of nineteen years he went upon the road as traveling representative for the Anchor Brand snuff, manufactured by H. Bolander of Chicago, continuing with that house for about nine years, when the business was sold to the American Snuff Company, with which he remained for a year. Mr. Swanson then went to Florida, where he engaged in the land business, and later he devoted his attention to securities. For about twenty years he was on the road in that connection, at the end of which time he became secretary to Edward Baker, of St. Charles, filling the position for about two years. He still continued to handle securities, but in 1931 and 1932 devoted all his time to campaigning for the democratic party.

Mr. Swanson's interest in politics has been a potent force in his life from

his early manhood to the present. He has attended both state and national conventions and for the past sixteen years has been a delegate to the state conventions, thus having a wide acquaintance among the democratic leaders of Illinois. He has likewise served on the county committee for about twenty years and at the present writing is vice president. In 1930 he campaigned for James Hamilton Lewis and in that year the county gave a large democratic majority to the present Illinois senator. Since then its democratic vote has increased and Mr. Swanson's efforts have been a large contributing factor to this result. He has always been a precinct committeeman. On October 5, 1933, was appointed to the office of disciplinarian for the St. Charles School for Boys, which is a state institution. He proved very satisfactory in his work there, for he closely studied the needs of the individual boy and the problems connected with the control of the inmates of the institution. Then, on January 1, 1935, Mr. Swanson was given the honor of being appointed postmaster of Geneva. He has long been recognized as an outstanding democrat in his part of the state. He was a fighter for the cause when things were at their worst and he has lived to see notable changes in the public attitude toward democratic principles. His labors have been an effective force in bringing about the desired results and today his community has become an acknowledged democratic stronghold.

HAROLD CLARK RUSSELL

Harold Clark Russell, an investigator for the finance department of the state of Illinois, making his home on the Chicago road near Oswego, was born April 30, 1890, on the Russell farm in the vicinity of Oswego. His father, John Douglas Russell, was born November 6, 1860, the day that Stephen A. Douglas was defeated by Lincoln, and the family, being strong democrats, named him for "the little giant." The mother bore the maiden name of Elizabeth May Clark and she, too, came of a strong democratic family. John Douglas Russell always took an active and prominent part in politics and served on the staff of Governor Altgeld in 1896. He was also supervisor in his township and in 1913 became county superintendent of highways in Kendall county. He was the first to serve in that connection under the law creating the position and continued to serve until his death.

Harold C. Russell pursued his early education in the public schools of Oswego and afterward attended Northwestern University at Evanston, during which time he became a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma. He was also a member of the football team and in that connection was injured so that he never returned to college. As soon as he had recovered his health he took up the occupation of farming, which he followed until three years ago, cultivating four hundred acres of land in diversified crops. He was also interested in the ownership and operation of an elevator at Oswego. On the 5th of September, 1933, he became investigator for the finance department, working in the occupational tax division.

On the 14th of October, 1913, Mr. Russell was united in marriage to Miss Annette Budd, a daughter of Robert E. and Cora M. (Rogers) Budd. Members of the Rogers family have been stalwart supporters of the democratic party in Kendall county. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are the parents of two children, Jean Phyllis and Kathleen. Mr. Russell's parents were Catholics and helped build St. Mary's Church of Aurora, but Harold C. Russell and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. He also belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and was formerly a member of the Union League Club of Aurora. Both he and his wife are staunch democrats. Mrs. Russell, who is a graduate of the high school of Sandwich, Illinois, became actively interested in democratic politics in 1928. In 1932 she was the leader in forming the women's democratic organization of Kendall county, became its first chairman and is still serving. In 1928, under Martin A. Brennan, now congressman, Mr. Russell organized Kane, Kendall, Grundy, La Salle, De Kalb, Du Page and Will counties for the agricultural adjustment program, perfecting

an excellent organization. Both Mr. and Mrs. Russell are recognized as effective workers for the party and at all times are able to support their position by intelligent argument. They are among the highly esteemed citizens of their community, their genuine worth being attested by all who know them.

HARRY DEBOLT

More than a century has passed since the DeBolt family was founded in LaSalle county. The paternal grandfather of Harry DeBolt, now a well known citizen of the county living near Ottawa, came to this vicinity in 1829, arriving here with the Greene family and being among the first settlers in this part of the state. It was a wild and undeveloped region, the prairies covered with their native grasses and much of the land still untouched by the plow. James Madison DeBolt, father of Harry DeBolt, continued a resident of LaSalle county throughout his life, and he always gave his support to the democratic party, being one of its radical adherents. He married Emily Curyea, who is still living, making her home in Ottawa, but Mr. DeBolt has passed away.

Harry DeBolt was born in Dayton township, LaSalle county, September 3, 1888, and was educated in the local schools and in a business college at Ottawa. He was reared to the occupation of farming and has made it a life work, living upon his present farm near Ottawa since 1910. He has always followed progressive methods in caring for his land and cultivating his crops, and his labors have brought him substantial success.

On the 26th of November, 1913, Mr. DeBolt was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Grandgeorge and they are the parents of a daughter, Lorraine. Mr. and Mrs. DeBolt hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally Mr. DeBolt is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he has been a loyal member for eighteen years. In politics he is an active democrat who for ten years has served as precinct committeeman and has worked diligently for the success of the party. In August, 1933, he became game warden and is now acting in that capacity. He was also a candidate for the office of sheriff at the recent primary and he is regarded as one of the leading democrats of his locality.

MRS. KATHERINE M. WEIS

Mrs. Katherine M. Weis, postmaster of Teutopolis, Effingham county, is widely known and popular in the town where she lives and where she was born March 4, 1881, her parents being Bernhardt and Katherine (Maeke) Schoenhoff. She acquired a public school education and in young womanhood became the wife of John Weis. Their children are four in number, namely: Bernard, Ferdinand, Gertrude and Agnes. The family are communicants of the Catholic Church.

Politically Mrs. Weis is a democrat and was first appointed postmaster in Teutopolis, December 25, 1914, under the administration of President Woodrow Wilson. Her husband had been postmaster in 1905 and had served as clerk in the post office in 1898, so that the name of Weis has long been closely associated with the postal service of this town. Mrs. Weis has served continuously for twenty years and her administration of the affairs of the office has been highly satisfactory to the general public.

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